

Review of: "Prevalence of visual impairment and associated factors among welders in West Shewa Zone Oromia Region, Ethiopia"

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The authors report a study regarding the prevalence of visual impairment and associated factors among welders in West Shewa Zone, Oromia Region, Ethiopia. Although the authors have made an effort to prepare the manuscript, the manuscript needs major revisions. My comments are as follows: (not presented in any particular order)

1. Keywords must come in an alphabetic order.
2. Referencing is inconsistent and should be updated and corrected using an appropriate citation system. Although in the reference section 22 references were mentioned, references 31, 44, 46, 48, and 50 were cited in the discussion. Please check the whole manuscript in this regard.
3. Abbreviations were not used correctly in the manuscript. Abbreviations should only be used if the term appears two or more times in the text. When introducing an abbreviation, spell out the full term at its first mention and indicate its abbreviation in parentheses. After that, use the abbreviation instead of the full term. The same approach should be used for the abstract separately as well.
4. Since each table and figure should stand alone, if a term was not repeated in each table or figure, it should be in its full form, and if it was repeated, the abbreviation should be described with a footnote to the table or figure, regardless of its use in the main manuscript. For example, in tables 4 and 6, PPE or ETB in table 6 should be mentioned in the full form as a footnote.
5. In this sentence, "The data collection tool was adopted from the World Health Organization (WHO) and related different literature," the reference should be mentioned.
6. The total sample size is inconsistent. In the method section, "Sample size determination and sampling techniques," the sample size was calculated as 636, but in the results, it was 634.
7. The paragraph "Furthermore, prevention approaches to COVID-19 transmissions, such as physical distancing during an interview, face masks, and hand rubbing with sanitizer before and after, were strictly followed in every procedure of data collection." is not relevant to your study and should not be mentioned.
8. Discussion was not properly paragraphed. A paragraph must begin with a topic sentence that briefly explains what the paragraph is about. Next, come a few sentences that elaborate on the topic in detail. Paragraphs end with a conclusion sentence that summarizes the topic or presents one conclusion. For example, paragraphs 4 and 6 could be combined and rewritten regarding the use of PPE, or paragraphs 8 and 10 could be combined to discuss the effect of working

hours per day. Please rewrite the discussion and elaborate more on each topic with appropriate references.

9. Do not use confidence intervals in the discussion and conclusion.
10. Check and correct the whole manuscript regarding grammatical errors and typos.
11. In paragraph 9, discussion, sentence 3, "*Progressively might be*" should not be italic.