

Reviewer's report

Title: Reducing Ultraviolet Radiation Exposure Among Outdoor Workers: State of the Evidence and Recommendations

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General

This manuscript reports the studies conducted in the area of sun protection by outdoor workers. Overall, the lengthy paper provides a summary of a small body of literature. The manuscript is divided up into two components, the first summarizes the literature and the second part, presents a summary of the evidence review of skin prevention studies of outdoor workers based on the community preventative service guide.

As with most small bodies of literature, inconsistencies concludes a lack of ability to demonstrate a conclusion based on the evidence is modeled in this manuscript. The second part of the manuscript is an review based on the US community preventive service guide. It demonstrates that it is too early to review this literature. The authors were not able to provide a definitive or even speculative answer on what areas need development and which way forward.

A rigorous analysis of the studies/data will be needed some time in the future.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

While it is a point prevalence of where studies are, the manuscript at times includes editorial comments not founded based on the original articles. It is strictly the author's speculation.

What next?: Reject because too insignificant for publication in any journal

Level of interest: Too insignificant to warrant publication in any journal

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.