

Reviewer's report

Title: The potential monetary benefits of reclaiming hazardous waste sites in the Campania region: an economic evaluation.

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I am satisfied with the revisions made to the article, and therefore recommend it for publication after correcting a few minor issues (listed below).

Comment 1: There are a number of grammatical errors; in particular, the authors regularly change verb tense from one sentence to the next. For example, on page 1, paragraph 2, the sentence beginning with "According to Dolk..." is in the present tense, while the next sentence starting with "Bentov et al..." is in the past tense. I will leave it to a professional editing service to make these revisions.

Comment 2: Page 1: Define IARC.

Comment 3: Page 1: Provide a citation for the statement "In addition if the waste disposals are illegal..."

Comment 4: Page 3, last paragraph: What is the "official" body that "officially" declared a waste crisis? Provide a citation.

Comment 5: Page 3, last paragraph: Provide the actual years rather than "in the last seven years". The "last seven years" sounds like 2002-2009, but the previous sentence suggests the time period might be 1994-2001.

Comment 6: Page 7-8: The discussion of which VPF to use is confusing. The authors state that they will use the EC VPF, but then go on to say that they will inflate these values by 50% because people would pay more to avoid death via cancer than death via transportation accidents. This makes it sound like the EC VPF is based on transportation accidents, although this is not stated. If this is true, it should be stated. Otherwise, there is no reason to believe that the EC VPF is based on transportation accidents, and to inflate it.

Comment 7: Page 8: As it is currently written, the decision to inflate the VPF by 50% because the deaths in question would potentially be due to cancer appears completely arbitrary. Provide a justification for 50% (e.g., say this is recommended by the EC guidelines).

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.