Reviewer's report

Title: Lack of sun protection for children with oculocutaneous albinism in South Africa

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Minor essential revisions

Background
1. Page 2, second paragraph, first sentence: The authors refer to the school as “….this well resourced special school…” without introducing the school beforehand. The sentence should be re-worded.

Methods
2. Page 3, data collection first paragraph: “…..age range 11-10, mean age 11.8…..”. Please correct this error.

Results
3. Page 6, last sentence of third paragraph: accompany is the wrong tense.

Mayor essential revisions

Results
1. Page 4, paragraphs 3 & 4: Both these paragraphs (“Wearing a hat…” & “Although a suitable…”) are pure discussion sections and should be moved to the discussion.

2. Page 4, paragraph 5: “Sun avoidance behaviour” The paragraph is a mixture of observational results from the present study and discussion sentences. Results and Discussion should be clearly separated.

3. Page 5, paragraphs 4 & 5: Both these paragraphs (“Although UVB results…” & “The commercial market…”) are pure discussion sections and should be moved to the discussion.

4. Page 6, second paragraph: This paragraph (“Although some children…”) is a mixture of results and discussion and should be separated.

Discretionary revision
1. The discussion focuses solely on sunscreen and avoiding the sun. What about sun protection by using clothes (e.g. long sleeved shirts and long trousers)?

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests
Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.