Reviewer’s report

Title: Intentional tanning behaviors among undergraduates on the United States' Gulf Coast

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This is a very well written manuscript of interesting research about tanning behaviors of college students from southern US. The methods are appropriate and presented well.

Minor editorial suggestions:

1) I am not fond of overuse of abbreviations and trying to remember which is which, but that can be at the discretion of the editors. However, the abbreviation STP was never defined (first used pg8)...and assume it meant spray tan products and not something I put into my car!

2) pg 8; give date of the comparison with Brooklyn college students,

3) line 180, keep only one of the 2004 to describe the survey,

4) line 182: delete 'our determined ST rate' to 'The current survey's rate',

4) can you find a reference for the statement in lines 242-243?...I agree with the statement, but think you can find a reference,

5) Titles of tables can be more complete....Table 1 should state 'demographic characteristics'...not just 'demographics'. Table1 would be interesting to present comparison of male and female students (in addition to the current total population)....this would lead nicely into the study findings. Tables 2-4 titles again could be more complete,...e.g. Factors associated with self-reported outdoor tanning behavior among college students, 2016....

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