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Interactive comment on “Utilising shade to optimize UV exposure for vitamin D” by D. J. Turnbull and A. V. Parisi

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A table with the average times for an exposure equivalent to 1/3 MED for vitamin D and erythema effective UV radiation from diffuse and global UV has been added to the manuscript.

The following has been added to page 5, line 10: The average times for an exposure equivalent to 1/3 MED for vitamin D₃ and erythema are shown in Table 1 for diffuse and global UV. For a SZA of 50, the average time needed to receive an exposure of 1/3 MED due to erythema UV was 4.4 and 6.8 minutes for global and diffuse respectively. Whereas, the average time needed to receive an equivalent exposure of 1/3 MED for vitamin D₃ production was 2.2 and 3.2 minutes for global and diffuse respectively. These times are based on exposing 15% of the human body to UV radiation. Increasing the exposed body surface will subsequently decrease the time needed for vitamin D₃

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production (e.g. exposing three times more body surface will reduce the exposure times presented in this research by a factor of three). However, the time for 1/3 MED of erythema effective UV will remain the same.

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