

ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS

DIVISION IV

No. CA11-510

UAMS and PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
CLAIMS DIVISION

APPELLANTS

V.

LOIS JOHNSON

APPELLEE

Opinion Delivered November 9, 2011

APPEAL FROM THE ARKANSAS
WORKERS' COMPENSATION
COMMISSION [NO. F909423]

AFFIRMED

WAYMOND M. BROWN, Judge

Appellants, UAMS and its carrier Public Employee Claims Division, appeal the award of benefits to appellee Lois Johnson in her claim regarding a compensable right-shoulder injury that happened on or about June 18, 2009. The administrative law judge (ALJ) found that Johnson failed to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that she suffered a compensable injury while working for UAMS as an RN. Johnson appealed to the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission (Commission), which by a two-to-one vote reversed the ALJ's decision. Appellants appeal to this court, contending that the award of benefits is not supported by substantial evidence. We affirm.

In appeals involving claims for workers' compensation, we view the evidence in the light most favorable to the Commission's decision and affirm the decision if it is supported by



substantial evidence.¹ Substantial evidence exists if reasonable minds could reach the Commission's conclusion.² The issue is not whether the appellate court might have reached a different result from the Commission; if reasonable minds could reach the result found by the Commission, the appellate court must affirm.³

Appellants contend that there was no substantial evidence that Johnson suffered a compensable injury on or about June 18, 2009. Appellants have failed to cite any authority in support of their argument that the Commission erred by finding that Johnson suffered a compensable injury. This court may refuse to consider an argument where appellant fails to cite any legal authority, and the failure to cite authority or make a convincing argument is a sufficient reason for affirmance.⁴ Accordingly, we affirm.

Affirmed.

HART and GRUBER, JJ., agree.

¹*Galloway v. Tyson Foods, Inc.*, 2010 Ark. App. 610, 378 S.W.3d 210.

²*Id.*

³*Id.*

⁴See *Jewell v. Fletcher*, 2010 Ark. 195, 377 S.W.3d 176 (citing *Middleton v. Lockhart*, 344 Ark. 572, 43 S.W.3d 113 (2001)).