Sir,

Ocular injuries are the most common cause of acquired uniocular blindness in children. Yet, they have not received the attention that they deserve. Approximately 75% of the populations who have visual disorder due to trauma are blind in one eye.1 Among the people who are examined by ophthalmologists, one out of 20 has an eye injury.2 Ocular trauma is one of the most important preventable causes of visual impairment. A marked preponderance of injuries is seen in the 6-10 years age group. Children in this age group are relatively immature and exposed to varying surroundings making them more vulnerable to injuries.3 Male children are affected more due to their adventurous and aggressive nature.4 In this study, paediatric ocular trauma occurred more often in boys than in girls, which is similar to other studies.5 In this study, ocular trauma only occurred more frequently in girls than in boys at the age of one year. The incidence of injury classified by age showed that children in the 0 - 7 years age group were at greatest risk, which was similar to the results of a previous study.6

The causes of ocular injuries are diverse and tend to vary in different geographical areas. They are also related to the socio-economic status of the study population.7 Ocular injuries (due to mechanical trauma) can be classified according to the Ocular Trauma Classification Group recommendations. The present study showed that mechanical injuries are the commonest mechanism of ocular injury. Amongst the mechanical injuries, closed globe injuries were more common compared to open globe injuries. Our results were in contrast with previous studies.8

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