

Letter to the Editor

A critical review of some of the articles published in the Nep J Oph 2009; 1(2).

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Dear Editor,

I went through the articles published in the Nep J Oph 2009; 1(2) with a great interest. It is notable that some of the articles like the one by Sharma BR et al (2009) on Limbal relaxing incision and the other by Gupta Y et al (2009) on xerosis meter are of high scientific merit in terms of their content, presentation pattern and practically useful innovative idea.

The attempt of Singh et al (2009) to justify the rationale of the widely used small incision cataract surgery (SICS) in developing countries is impressive. The technique used in the SICS by the principle author in immature cataract seems to be ideal that the external and internal wound size remains the same. This could minimize the long-term astigmatic shift post-operatively (Tong N et al, 2008). Vitreous loss and nucleus drop in the hands of the well experienced surgeon (SKS) are unusual. This could be due to the rush and the tendency to complete the surgery faster, which could have a confounding effect on the outcome. The authors could give a plausible explanation to these frustrating complications. The authors have well described the limitations of the study for generalizability of the conclusion. I fully agree that the surgical outcome depends on the level of experience and confidence of the surgeon. But the other factors like fatigue of the surgeon and the quality of equipment should also be taken into account.

The article by Lee SH (2009) on corneal wound management can be useful to the young and practicing

ophthalmologists. This article, however, does not add new information to the existing knowledge of science.

Ocular trauma is an important cause of blindness and visual impairment in economically active and young age group. It would of general interest to have the published data in the days to come on this important issue of ophthalmology.

I am convinced that the Nep J Oph has provided a platform for sharing knowledge and research findings among the ophthalmic community at home and abroad. Its website has provided an additional tool for this purpose.

Please accept my heartfelt congratulations for launching and regular publication of the journal!

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