Sir,

We want to report this extremely peculiar injury caused by a stray firework rocket which led to rupture of superficial temporal artery and extradural haematoma.

Firecrackers are used around the world during various festivals, ceremonies, and social events. In India, they are extensively used during Diwali also known as the ‘festival of lights’. In India, firecrackers are easily available for use by the common public. Firecracker injuries usually range from various degrees of burns to blast injuries to the hand. The presentation of isolated superficial temporal artery injury following firecracker injury is an extremely rare presentation and probably the first reported in English literature.

A 17-year-old male presented to our emergency department with injury to the right temporal region following a stray firework rocket going haywire [Figure 1]. He presented with torrential bleeding due to superficial temporal artery rupture. The bleeder was clamped and ligated. A non-contrast enhanced computed tomography scan of head showed a small extra-axial bleed in the right temporal region with a hairline fracture to the right petrous temporal bone [Figure 3] and with superficial soft tissue swelling [Figure 2]. The patient was kept under observation and discharged on the 5th day under satisfactory condition.

**Temporal artery rupture following firework rocket injury**

![Figure 1: Sutured wound after ligation of superficial temporal artery](image1)

![Figure 2: Small extra-axial bleed in right temporal region](image2)

![Figure 3: Hairline fracture of right petrous temporal bone](image3)
Letters to Editor

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CONCLUSION

Though firecrackers usually cause burn injuries, they have a potential to cause much grievous injuries such as temporal artery rupture and extradural haematoma. Many of the firework related injuries are potentially preventable. Hence, steps should be taken by individuals, Non-Government organisations and government to prevent such injuries by awareness, public participation and legislation.

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