

Sir,

In their article Topping *et al.*¹ state that the eyelid is a site of occurrence of desmoplastic trichilemmoma that has not previously been reported. In each of two of the papers that they cite there is a description of an upper eyelid desmoplastic trichilemmoma.^{2,3} There are a further three papers in the dermatopathological literature that they do not cite.⁴⁻⁶ In these papers, the authors describe a further 4 cases of eyelid lesions. In summary, there are 60 cases of desmoplastic trichilemmoma reported in the previous literature, of which 6 are located on the eyelid. While we agree that the tumour is rare, and has not been reported in the ophthalmic literature, it should be recognised that the eyelid is a relatively common site of occurrence. We would also support the view that, because of the variable clinical appearance, and the pseudo-infiltrative histological appearance, ophthalmologists need to be aware of its existence.

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