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Reply to Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In reference to the letter by Arora et al titled “Some doubts on Fractures of angle of mandible – A retrospective study” on behalf of all the authors, I would like to submit the following response:

- 1) In our study in the age group 11–20 yrs only two patients were below 15 yrs in age while the rest were between 18 and 20 yrs. The age groups were divided for ease of statistical analysis.
- 2) There are a plethora of reports,^{1–8} studies and text books which have confirmed the greater risk of fracture in presence of impacted/partially erupted mandibular third molar which contribute to an area of weakness.
- 3) The age of eruption of impacted third molar is not the subject of the current study. However the records suggest that the patients where third molar were involved were above 18 yrs in age.

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