

## Correspondence

### Orbital rhabdomyosarcoma

To the Editorial Committee of the **British Journal of Ophthalmology**

SIRS,—Concerning the article, “Orbital Rhabdomyosarcoma in an Infant” by G. C. Sood, D. K. Sen, R. Diwan, and A. L. Aurora (*British Journal of Ophthalmology*, 1970, **54**, 203), I should like to bring to your attention our recent publications concerning the role of radiation therapy in the management of this disease. It is apparent that our experience differs from that of Dr. Lederman and it is our belief that radiation therapy should become the treatment of choice in this disease. The reasons for our differing experience remain obscure. I can add that current evaluation of the originally reported patients, and subsequent experience, serve only to confirm our impression.

Yours faithfully,

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## Book reviews

**Ophthalmic Genetics.** By A. SORSBY. 2nd ed., 1970. Pp. 269, 235 figs, bibl. Butterworth, London. (110s.)

This second edition of Prof. Arnold Sorsby's “Genetics in Ophthalmology”, originally published in 1951, has been almost completely rewritten and can be considered a new book on this subject. It is arranged in three sections: the globe as a whole, individual tissues, and generalized disorders with ocular aspects.

This is a concise and eminently readable textbook of ophthalmic genetics and as such is unequalled. There are several typographical errors in the text, certain of the terminology is old-fashioned or even incorrect (choroidal sarcoma, p. 5), and a few statements are confusing, controversial, or inaccurate. Retinal aplasia is used as the name for a specific entity (Alström and Olson)