Authors’ Response:

Sir:

Figures 1 and 6 are theoretical explanatory representations of how an angle grinder is used, when held indeed by a right-handed person. However, as our readers have observed in the case described, the angle grinder was in a left-handed configuration.

The fact that the operator was left-handed or right-handed does not modify the characteristics of the skin injuries or brain and skull injuries, in particular the bony injuries.

The hilt was indeed broken at the level of the bolt-piece fixing it to the body of the angle grinder.

Observation at the scene showed no signs of grinding on the floor, as there could have been if the angle grinder was still functioning when it fell. Similarly, no trace of impact was found on the grinder or its hilt as could have been the case when it fell.

Lastly, the position of the hilt as found at the scene was compatible with its having broken while being used.

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