

Table 4 Comparison of the etiology of blindness and severe visual loss in different studies

Etiology	Islamic Republic of Iran, (present study)	North India [8]	China [9]	Ethiopia [10]	United Kingdom [11]
	%	%	%	%	%
Hereditary disease	42.7	13.4	30.7	3.4	26.0
Intrauterine factor	0.8	0.9	0.1	0.7	3.0
Perinatal/neonatal factor	18.5	1.2	2.3	1.0	40.0
Postnatal/infancy factor	2.4	28.0	14.0	49.8	5.0
Unknown	35.5	56.5	52.9	45.1	26.0