

Table 1 Characteristics of participants in the study of prevalence and associated factors of symptomatic dry eye among undergraduate students of College of Medicine and Health Science, Hawassa University, Hawassa, Ethiopia (n = 311)

Variables	Frequency (n)	Percentage (%)
Sex		
Male	176	56.6
Female	135	43.4
Category		
Medical	202	65
Health Science	109	35
Class year		
Second	108	34.7
Third	88	28.3
Fourth	59	19
Fifth	44	14.1
Sixth	12	3.9
Eye disease in last 1 year		
Yes	65	20.9
No	246	79.1
Wearing eye glass		
Yes	57	18.3
No	254	81.7
Use of ophthalmic drops		
Yes	61	19.6
No	250	80.4
CVS awareness		
Yes	57	18.3
No	254	81.7
Duration of visual display use (VDU) /day		
Less than 6 hours	141	45.3
Greater than 6 hours	170	54.7