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Discretionary Revisions

1. I wasn't totally clear about where the various cost-to-charge ratios were and how they were applied. Perhaps this could be clarified.

2. Not sure why the data are limited to 1999 (six years old!). Is this just a lag-time in getting the data?

What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'