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Answer to Referee 3 Liz a Lingard

Surgeon numbers for Table 1 should be included in the Table and not as a footnote.

Comments: We have included surgeon number in Table 1.

Given that 15 patients in the pre-implementation period had an additional 2 days added to their LOS as they were admitted on a Friday for Monday surgery the authors should add an adjusted LOS for this group based on just these patients being admitted day before surgery so that readers can more accurately assess the real impact of the implementation on LOS

Comments: We have included information of length of stay for patients admitted on Fridays. We have furthermore included analysis of the effect of the accelerated intervention when excluding patients admitted on Fridays, and effect of the accelerated intervention when excluding all days prior to surgery.