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I am happy basically with the revisions that the authors have made. The only recommendations I would make are:

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

· 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.