Reviewer's report

Title: Impact of changed management policies on operating room performance and the distribution of patient categories

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Discretionary Revisions:
This paper represents a very nice attempt at evaluating the role of dedicated ORs on operating efficiency and performance. Overall, I like the study. However, I believe that the authors need to be careful as to the terminology that they use. The terms "efficiency" and "performance" are rather broad and vague, and hold different meanings for different people. Since the goals of the paper are to highlight not only the effective use of daylight operating, but the more selective use of U1 cases during the night, perhaps these terms may be more appropriate:
1. appropriate allocation?
2. categorization improves precision in OR use?

Just food for thought...the bottom line is that these terms should be more specific.

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
No