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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

General comments: This is a potentially interesting study to report the status of emergency surgery during an epidemic in comparison with previous situation in non-epidemic period. This review has the following suggestion/concern that the authors need to address: Specific comments: 1. abstract: WHAT Was used to examine differences in numbers of emergency surgeries performed and their indications after the Covid-19 emergency outbreak and the total lockdown started, compared to the exact same period last year in 2019? 2. Why "The fatality rate after surgery during the pandemic was decreased to 11,1% compared with the 19,6% registered in 2019? This should be discussed, and compared with other studies. 3. The study of elective surgery and its impact on mortality during the epidemic should be cited and discussed (e.g.. Lei S, Jiang F, Su W, Chen C, Chen J, Mei W, Zhan LY, Jia Y, Zhang L, Liu D, Xia ZY, Xia Z. Clinical Characteristics and Outcomes of Patients Undergoing Surgeries During the Incubation Period of COVID-19 Infection. *EClinicalMedicine*. 2020 Apr 5:100331. doi: 10.1016/j.eclinm.2020.100331.