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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

It would have been desirable to include a case study.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The study : Rethinking Elective Colectomy for Diverticulitis: A strategic approach to population health , presented by Vlad V Simianu and David R Flum from Seattle is a very interesting and exciting item that can be considered as a challenge for the future. The problem is that even authors conclusions can be shared, nothing can be presented without data. The authors seem to have this data in particular on Washington district (data presented at the cited reference are impressive and must be reported to better clarified authors conclusions) and they collect information on a great amount of reference; but few data are presented in this study. Major revision If the authors know data on tripled rates of elective colectomy and data on emergency surgery as said on page 3, they must better present them using also tables. Moreover authors seems to contradict themselves when they affirm at page 4 6 line from the bottom : " ...the proportion of emergency admissions having surgery, ....., appears to be decreasing at a population-level and at page 3 in the middle "rates of elective colectomy which nearly tripled without a decrease in emergency surgery, percutaneous interventions or admissions for diverticulitis". This point must be better clarified using tables and number and showing difference between elective and emergency surgery or percutaneous drainage.