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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1 This potential 'weekend effect' may be exaggerated in teaching hospitals.

Am J Orthop (Belle Mead NJ). 2015 Oct;44(10):458-64.

Hip Fracture and the Weekend Effect: Does Weekend Admission Affect Patient Outcomes?

Boylan MR, Rosenbaum J, Adler A, Naziri Q, Paulino CB1.

2 We excluded those whose records were incomplete to avoid unknown confounders.

What data was missing?

3 Between 1st April 2009 and 30th September 2011: Just curious why stop at 2011.....its 2016 now

4 A total of 883 patients were included for the final analysis.

Should be 796 based on your earlier comments



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Authors compared mortality and time-to-surgery of patients admitted with hip fracture to their teaching hospital on weekdays vs weekends. As an observational report, it is an interesting study of weekend effect on hip fracture patients. Experiments are generally well conducted and the manuscript is well written. However, the following issues should be addressed. 1. In the Introduction section, the authors should make an effort to address why they investigate the weekend effect on hip fracture patients. 2. I'm not quite sure what kind of physiological or pathological phenomenon cause weekend effect in hip fracture patients. Please explain the physiological meaning of weekend effect in hip fracture patients. 3. In Figs of this manuscript, the error bar is missing and the result of statistical analysis should be marked in each figure.



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Interesting study, with clear methods and results. The only thing that would interest me personally, is whether any difference at all could be seen between weekday and weekends (i.e. are the medians different)? For our Dutch practice, a 24 hour treshold is pursued, so that would be interesting as well. The discussion is clear and addresses strong and weak study points. Perhaps some of the figures could be discarded, as most of the information is already stated in the main text. Regardless of the minor points, I'd recommend publication.