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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a very well-written and interesting paper. It is educational and the findings are important and relevant. I have several observations and questions. Your team did an outstanding job adjusting and adapting. Congratulations! I am curious about the medical payment system in Slovenia. Can you please describe it briefly? There must be an incentive if there was only a 13.9% decline in electives. In the US, all electives were cancelled and that is a cash system for the most part. Can you comment on the chances of patient harm by either withholding a procedure, delaying a procedure or even cancelling a procedure because of the pandemic or the measures placed? Also, did you notice any of the 'emergency procedures' have a more virulent postop course? Any deaths or inability to extubate postop? Can you comment on the effect on your staff? What was the turn-over in personnel before and after?

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The overall scientific data is acceptable. However, there are several points to be corrected. 1. "Two years after the COVID-19 epidemic was declared" may be an incorrect meaning. It should be "Two years during the COVID-19 pandemic was declared." 2. "The COVID-19 epidemic has affected our health system" should be "the COVID-19 pandemic has affected our health system" and for other epidemics, it should be changed to pandemic. 3. The citation style is not the correct format. 4. The English grammar should be substantially polished. 5. The reference format is not correct. 6. Table 1 should be separated into 2 tables for better understanding. 7. In figures 1 and 2, it should be "Elective and emergency neurosurgical procedures before and during the COVID-19 pandemic" and "The subgroups of neurosurgical procedures before and during the COVID-19 pandemic", respectively. 8. The label for the number of patients was missing.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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1. The authors do not answer the reviewer's comments and the upload files were not matched with the correct documents. 2. There are substantially English grammar to be polished as the attached file. (for abstract, core tip, and introduction, I could find the 26 mistakes of the manuscript) 3. The references format is not correct (please read the published manuscript).