Incorrect estimate of number of lives saved by the use of surgical checklists: In "*Is money spent on quality improvement better spent on clinical care?*" in the 20 June 2011 issue of the Journal (*Med J Aust* 2011; 194: 641), the order of magnitude of the number of lives potentially saved in Australia by surgical checklists is incorrect. The potential saving is thousands of lives rather than "tens of thousands of lives". ❑