Reviewer's report

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The background and discussion/conclusion sections have been much improved.

Minor essential revisions

I labelled some of my comments as minor essential revisions, but the authors did not respond to these remarks.

In Figure 1 ranges vary from 1.4 to 4.1; perhaps different categories could change the pattern and reveal high admission rates in Maine, mixed rates in Vermont, and low rates in New Hampshire. I would be interested to know whether changing these ranges has any effect (does a Kruskal-Wallis test indicate no differences between states?)

Figure 2 too me is still misleading if it plots a linear regression line whereas the data were analyzed with rank correlation.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests