Reviewer's report

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I am grateful to the authors for their efforts to incorporate the private vs public hospital and time trend data. This new data, of no doubt is taking the manuscript to a different level.

Discretionary revisions:
The authors may consider reducing the number of figures by doing the following.
1) Presenting fig 1-3 in as a single figure with 3 panels
2) Presenting fig 4 (now numbered 5) to fig 7 as a single figure with 3 panels
3) Presenting fig 8-9 as a single fig with 2 panels
4) Presenting the curves in figure 10-12 in a single overlaid fig, then showing this new figure together with Fig 13 and 14 as a single figure with 3 panels. The currently superimposed fitted regression lines could be omitted and only the narrative description in the text kept.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**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