Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Ayako Hiyoshi

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Thank you for the manuscript revised. The flow of argument and English has been improved and easy to follow. Below I list two points which I might suggest for the authors to consider.

Discretionary Revisions

1. Statistical analysis: I consider ‘because we started from a simple …. multiple level adjustment an issue for future research’ is better to be moved to Discussion section, perhaps together with the future research plan mentioned at the end of Discussion.

2. I consider the response to my comment #10 is useful to understand how the results of ‘aggregated’ and ‘census’ could be understood, and it could be mentioned in main text, perhaps after limitation section, or as appropriate.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.