Reviewer's report

**Title:** Even one star at A-level could be "too little too late" for medical student selection.

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**Reviewer:** Trudie T Roberts

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This paper is interesting and well written as one would expect of these authors. They make the assumption of constant levels of grade inflation. The work by Robert Coe et al suggests that this might be an overestimate. Never the less this paper is well argued in support of greater grade discrimination at the top end of the distribution and as far as I can tell the models used are appropriate. Although, it should be remembered that I am not a statistician.

**What next?:** Accept without revision

**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