Reviewer's report

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The authors have revised according to the reviewer’s comments, particularly regarding the selection criteria and their limitations if it was not possible to incorporate the reviewer’s suggestions. It is not necessary to remove the section describing comparisons between the U.S. and non-U.S. countries because the authors have described the background. The reviewer suggests that the ‘Abstract’ should be revised more to reflect the revisions.

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.