Reviewer's report

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**Reviewer:** Giuliano Russo

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The majority of my earlier comments have been satisfactorily replied upon. I am not sure the authors have nonetheless managed to locate the current study within the international debate on the subject. To this respect, a further attempt could be made to: (a) strengthen the literature review to include non-Japanese publications on what attracts physicians to practice location, and; (b) in the discussion contrast the present study's findings with what already established in the international literature on the subject.

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

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

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