Reviewer’s report

Title: Forecasting the absolute and relative shortage of physicians in Japan using a system dynamics model approach

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The study is well written, the title, abstract and introduction are accurate and clear. It is original and information provided might be relevant for policy makers. Overall, it seems that the methodology is sound and the authors are well aware of all relevant sources of data in the country.

Minor Review
Figure 5 subtitle is absent.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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