Reviewer’s report

Title: Widening disparity in the geographic distribution of pediatricians in Japan

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Discretionary revisions:

1#The title could be revised as follows: The impact of urbanization and pediatric service supply on pediatrician workforce: a study of geographical distributions of pediatricians in Japan.

2. Methods: We analyzed (investigated) the increase in the pediatrician workforce (2002–2007) per 100,000 population under the age of 15 years in 369 secondary medical areas throughout Japan using attributive variables such as population size, social and economic status, and pediatric service delivery.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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