Reviewer's report

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

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Major Compulsory Revisions
The authors should revised the manuscript according to my previous comment; "There are some cases where sequential paragraphs did not seem related each other at all or where there are different topics within a paragraph, which I found disorganized." I believe potential readers will find it quite hard to follow the story in this paper unless the authors make substantial changes.

Minor Essential Revisions
As for the data from Minryoku which the authors used in the study, they commented " We have made sure that the original and the Minryoku data are in agreement with each other." If so, they must cite the original statistics.

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

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare I have no conflicts of interest.