In Ramani's defense, during her talk she explained that she was not accusing Mattox et al., Dension & Walden, and Freeman et al. of "incorrect practice" in this slide, but rather cites them as examples of authors who recognized that there is a problem with the naive use of these distributions. Her PRL paper is even more ambiguous in this regard -- see the final sentence of paragraph 4.

Since this is a topic of general interest, perhaps it is worth inviting her to join one of our telecons and discuss in more depth?

-Jim