Reviewer’s report

Title: How to set up and manage a trainee-led research collaborative

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Reviewer: Wesley Shrum

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While the authors are to be commended for setting up this collaboration, it is simply too difficult for a reviewer to determine what was done in this collaboration.

There is too much "setup" and not enough description of how this collaborative was actually formed and operated. This reader was quite interested to see how it worked, after the initial description, but insufficient information was provided.

I believe the first thing to do is to take *all* of the materials out of the boxes and get it into the text.

Next, construct a coherent narrative of the origin and progress of the project. Again, it is truly an interesting enterprise but we just can't get a good picture of what was done--and, importantly, how.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.