Reviewer’s report

Title: Empowering health personnel for decentralized health planning in India: an experience of the Public Health Resource Network

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1. Is the question posed by the authors new and well defined?
   Yes

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described, and are sufficient details provided to replicate the work?
   This is a descriptive report of starting a Public Health Resource Network. The broad outlines have been described which could be used for replication. Details are not included.

3. Are the data sound and well controlled?
   Not applicable

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
   Yes, for reporting.

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
   The discussions and conclusions are well balanced.

6. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
   Yes

7. Is the writing acceptable?
   Yes. The network is an innovative idea that is very appropriate to address the issue of building capacity of within health systems and interested public.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable
Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.