Reviewer's report

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This is an important study of the impact of VANA programs and the key features associated with success. I highly recommend acceptance and publication.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests