Reviewer's report

Title: Are vitamin A supplementation programmes reaching children from scheduled castes and scheduled tribes? New evidence from India

Version: 4 Date: 3 November 2014

Reviewer: ANANTHA NARAYANA DB

Reviewer's report:

1. It is not known whether the authors considered availability of NSSO data for these studied area. If not state the reasons for same to make the paper FACTUAL and also include a statement in the findings/discussions and conclusions part.

2. Authors need to elaborate how they claim the data to be "anonymously collected aggregated data"

3. The terms Lowest and highest are used in the paper and a look at the figures for these appear that there was no NORM set to call what is HIGH and what is LOW. The authors need to clearly state the range for each term like low, lower, lowest, high, higher and highest., at the beginning and adhere to them while discussing or concluding.

4. Authors also have not touched or given reasons for improved coverage or failure for coverage. What were the methods used to make the programme effective during the administration needs to be stated in the Materials and Methods paras briefly.

5.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests