Reviewer's report

Title: Heart failure among Indigenous Australians: a systematic review

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A thorough review of the topic has been performed. The manuscript is well written and well presented. The first sentence of the Conclusion section of the manuscript is a sweeping statement (in relation to socioeconomic disadvantage and marginalisation being the cause of poor health outcomes of Indigenous Australians) and has not been addressed at all in this manuscript. I suggest that this sentence is revised to reflect the main findings of the paper.

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests