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Dear Dr Melissa Norton

Re: MS ID#: 1711420764418153
MS TITLE Under-ascertainment of Aboriginality in records of cardiovascular disease in hospital morbidity and mortality data in Western Australia: a record linkage study

Thank you for granting us the opportunity to make formatting changes and resubmit our manuscript for publication.

Please find an itemised response to the changes required on the following pages. We trust that you find the reformatted manuscript suitable for publication.

Sincerely,

Tom Briffa (on behalf of all authors)
Response to Editorial Production Team comments
The Team’s specific required formatting changes are listed numerically; each item has been addressed below and any specific changes made in the revised manuscript are also shown here in italics:

Major revisions

1. Study Groups: these should be consistent between the manuscript and the submission system. Members of a group should be listed in the acknowledgements (if anywhere).

Response on page 16 under subheading Acknowledgements: Agreed and have relocated and modified the reference to the study group to Lynn Dimer, Dr Timothy Leahy, Jocelyn Jones and Associate Professor Marisa Gilles all members of the research team of ‘Monitoring Coronary Heart Disease in the Modern Era: Aboriginal’ (MOCHAB).

Minor revisions

2. Highlighting/tracking: Please remove all highlighting and tracking from the manuscript.

Response on pages 1-23: Agreed and have removed all highlighting and tracking changes from the manuscript.

3. Abstract: Please ensure that the heading 'Background' is present in the abstract in the submission system.

Response in the submission system: Agreed and subheading Background has been inserted into the abstract.

4. Tables: the table title should appear above the table and should be only one sentence long. Please place any other text as a legend (or key), which should appear below the table.

Response on pages 20-23: Agreed and have relocated the titles of tables 1-3 to appear above the each table respectively. This has resulted in Tables 1-3 now appearing on pages 20, 21, 22/23 respectively. All additional text for a given table is positioned as a legend below the table.

5. Tables- please remove the visible vertical lines from your tables.

Response on pages 20: Agreed and have removed the vertical lines on Table 1.

6. Typography: Please take this opportunity to check your manuscript for any typographical errors and to make any final corrections or revisions. This is the final proofing stage for your manuscript, and you will not be able to make any changes after acceptance.

Response covers entire manuscript: Have rechecked entire manuscript and
made one change on page 14 1st paragraph line 3: deleted greater and inserted least. Otherwise no other typographical errors or final corrections or revisions were necessary.