Reviewer's report

**Title:** Improvement of maternal Aboriginality in NSW birth data

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**Reviewer:** Martha S Wingate

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Overall, the analysis is interesting; however, it is difficult to assess how it fits in the larger context of the literature and what it adds. It currently reads as more of a report rather than a contribution to the literature. Enhancement of the literature surrounding the background and methods as well as the conclusions are needed.

**Major compulsory revisions:**

I would like to see more commentary on how this paper is generalizable to other populations. As it is, the paper is too confined to one population. A brief review of other studies that have utilized this methodology as well as the limitations of using capture-recapture for the linkage would be appropriate.

**Minor essential revisions:**

Acronyms should be defined when first used.

**Discretionary revisions:**

**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.