Reviewer’s report

Title: Exploration of the beliefs and experiences of Aboriginal people with cancer in Western Australia: A methodology to acknowledge cultural difference and build understanding

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The manuscript has been improved considerably and is much more readable. However, the following pieces need editing or corrections.

Major Compulsory Revisions

On page 7, second paragraph, the sentence "Positivistic research is based on objectivity and proving that there is one reality" does not describe the goal of biomedical research and needs to be deleted. The sentence later in the paragraph is an adequate description of the positivistic research method.

Although the authorship issue is important, the paragraph on page 16 is too long and should be reduced to the essential information that one of the authors is an Aboriginal researcher.

Minor Essential Revisions

On page 6, last paragraph, there is a formatting error in the references.

Box 1 and 2 should be switched since the six ethical values are mentioned before the interview issues.

Level of interest: An article of importance 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.