Reviewer’s report

Title: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander maternal and infant health and wellbeing: A systematic search of programs and services in Australian primary health care settings

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No Major compulsory revisions. This is an important review which adds to the sparse literature around the issues of maternal infant health service provision and research for indigenous peoples.

Minor essential revisions suggest tidying authors in refs to be consistant - some have et al and some list and others seem lacking in surnames

How was primary defined in the search project- by ownership or governance? What about combined secondary primary programs.Detaiing how defined would be appropriate or excluded .

It would be appropriate to have a discussion about the place or not of RCTs in future research. Even if it covers the difficulties of powering and the issues with time. The health disparities are acute and action is needed immediately and there is a long lead in to results with RCTs which again ethically supports introducing interventions with a strong evaluation component.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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 I have no competing interests