Reviewer's report

Title: Development of mental health first aid guidelines for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experiencing problems with substance use: a Delphi study.

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Review

Abstract
1. Results: count the main thematic groups of statements that are endorsed and refused (There are many statements that could be divided in the few general thematic groups)

Background
2. In the first paragraph, add some demographical data of Aboriginal population.
3. In the 4th paragraph, emphasize the importance of social network of Aboriginal population

Methods
4. Participants:
   a. How they were sampled (randomly, other?),
   b. Why is the common number of participants 28- what criteria did you follow? Is there any reference regarding the number of participants needed for research? Please declare.

Results
5. First aid actions: add/describe the main thematic groups of endorsed and rejected statements: what themes are accepted/rejected with strong consensus? It would be very interesting for readers.

Discussion
6. Fourth paragraph: can you shortly compare/describe the main themes that are common in the international and in the current study?

Supplement
7. Define the main themes (thematic groups) in the supplement 1 and 2 and allocate the statements in: it would be very helpful while reading/studying the article.

Major Compulsory Revision: comments 1-5, and 7
Minor Essential Revision: comment 6

Although the comments are defined as “Major” I suggest publication after
completion.

**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'