Reviewer's report

**Title:** Easier said than done: applying the Ecohealth principles to a study of heavy metals exposure among indigenous communities of the Peruvian Amazon

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• I) Major Compulsory Revisions
  • 1) It is a long narrative of a case report on heavy metals among indigenous communities of the Peruvian Amazon (28 pages). The manuscript emphasizes the epidemiological study among the Corrientes communities; however it is not clear how the study was carried out using Ecohealth approach.
  • 2) The authors could make this text with a maximum of 15 pages. This manuscript is very tiring to read.
  • 3) The title of the manuscript does not reflect its content.
  • 4) The methodology used in various steps of this study is not clear.
  • 5) The item method does not present a clear way as the steps of the study were developed. In item results and discussion is presented the research process that should be in methodology.
  • 6) The results and discussion are a historical context of the conflicts and challenges during the process for participatory research on the impact of heavy metals for among indigenous communities. However, some results are not clear how they were reached.

• II) Minor Essential Revisions
  1) Page 17, there is no Figure 1.

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

Rejected because the manuscript needs a deep revision clarifying step by step how the ecohealth approach was appropriate applied? Also it is necessary to reduce the manuscript and to put essential information.