Reviewer's report

Title: A Systematic Review of Suicide Prevention Interventions targeting Indigenous peoples in Australia, United States, Canada and New Zealand.

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Discretionary
Abstract
1) I suggest removing most of the method section from the abstract, provide 2 line summary of actions leave detail to methods section

Major Compulsory Revisions
In Methods section Classification of studies
2) This paper identifies 4 previous reviews: They need to explain why a fifth review is required, what will this review add. (I suggest these 4 reviews are included in the introduction along with the explanation of what this review will add)

In Results (effectiveness of interventions)
3) about 2/3 way through paragraph there is a line which states the multi media achieved significant results ... although these were not significant Please explain or rewrite this to remove the contradiction
4) in same paragraph indicated that intervention reduced 'some' suicidal behaviours (please describe briefly)

Discussion
The overall very poor rate of evaluation, and the few generally inadequate evaluations identified by this review, is an appalling state of affairs, the strength of the discussion needs to reflect this to a much greater extent

Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics report there appears to have been an increase in ATSI suicide in the last decade, this suggest 1) drivers of ATSI suicides are increasing and/or 2) that intervention programs are failing ATSI peoples (I am happy to share these results with the authors) given this: it is critical that this paper clearly identifies the need to properly "research" not just evaluate intervention programs and that this point is crystal clear

Minor Essential Revisions
need reference for PRISMA guidelines
reference 28 assume it is Kirmayer (please check spelling)

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.

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