Author's response to reviews

Title: The management of diabetes in Indigenous Australians in the primary care setting

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Dear Sir,

We are pleased to resubmit our article to BMC Public Health.

We note that referee two feels that this is an article of importance in its field and And that the very careful and extensive revision we have conducted requires no further changes before acceptance for publication. We feel that all the minor requirements of reviewer one have now been met in this revised manuscript, and hope that in its current form it may now prove acceptable for publication.

Sincerely

Merlin Thomas

Response to Reviewer's report:

In the analysis, it is not clear whether the P values and confidence intervals have been adjusted for the clustering of responses by general practice. This is desirable as some of the measures may be correlated within practices.

Certainly, general practitioner attitudes to the care of people with diabetes may cluster within practices to a significant extent. To correct for potential clustering of responses within practices, confidence intervals and statistical significance were re-estimated using a sandwich variance-covariance matrix. This has been added to the manuscript. We note that this did not substantially alter our results.

Minor comments.

In the abstract remove the term 'racial'.

This omission has been corrected.

In the abstract and results sections, try and avoid loose terms like 'over twice as
likely’ or 'less than one third'. Instead give the estimated measure of association (which is generally provided in brackets anyway).

These changes have been made as requested.

Table 1. In the column titled 'univariate P value' the term 'P' is redundant in the column entries.

This change has been made as requested.

Give P values for all items not just those deemed 'significant'.

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