Reviewer's report

Title: Risk indicators for poor self-reported oral health among Indigenous Australians

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Minor Essential Revisions

Abstract:
Appropriate

Introduction
Adequate

Objectives:
The specific aims presented were clear and concise

Methods:
• There is no mention of the overall study design and/or duration, the investigators go right into study populations and recruitment without letting the reader know the design (cross sectional, I assume).

• In the recruitment section, the authors mention that it was self reported questionnaire. Were all parts self reported or were some interviewed? For example the REALD-30 would need to be an interview. This is also mentioned in the self reported questionnaire section, but it is still unclear to me what parts were self completed and what were interviewed and how the decision was made of which to use.

• In the criteria section, please clarify if language was used in the inclusion. Were all subjects English speaking as is needed with the REALD-30?

• In the ethical approval section, please clarify the protocol for potential subjects who could not read the consent? Were they excluded? Were the consents read to them? This may play a role when examining health literacy.

• Analytical section very nicely done.

Results:
• Please provide an estimate for how many subjects were approached to get the 468 respondents for a recruitment rate if available.

• Results section nicely done

Discussion
• Adequate

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interest