Reviewer’s report

Title: Implementing and evaluating the value of computerised Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Checks in primary care for clinical care and research.

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Reviewer: Michelle Greiver

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this article.

This seemed to me to be a description of a computerization project rather than research. You describe the implementation of a computerized health check.

Was this part of an Electronic Medical Record (EMR), and was it additional templates programmed for the EMR?

There is now extensive literature on implementation of EMRs and other computerized records. You demonstrated that a computerized record was implemented in this setting; how does this add to the knowledge base, and how is it unique and different than other settings?

You provide tables on number of health checks done. Was there an improvement in terms of processes? For example, table 2 presents some numbers for retinal screens for computerized vs non computerized retinal screen, but no statistical analysis.

As well, there was a recent systematic review in BMJ showing that "routine well-person health checks" may not be associated with improvement in health outcomes. Is there evidence that they are associated with improved outcomes for the population being studied?

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:

I declare that I have no competing interests