Reviewer’s report

Title: Strategic approaches to enhanced health service delivery for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with chronic illness: A qualitative study

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The question posed by the authors is well defined and contextualised with reference to the previous study. The methods used are appropriate and well described however further information re the strategies to ensure robustness of categories emerging from analysis (such as blind analysis or review by more than one researcher?) could be included. The data appears to be sound and evidenced by quotes presented. The paper adheres to expected standards for reporting qualitative research and the discussion and conclusions appear well balanced and adequately supported by the data. The authors however, fail to adequately refer to the limitations of the work and possible implications for generalisability of findings to studies other marginalised populations. This would add to the robustness of the paper overall.

The title and abstract accurately convey what has been found and the level of English in the paper is acceptable.

Discretionary revisions:
1. discussion of methods to increase robustness of analysis

Minor essential revisions:
2. discussion of limitations of findings

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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'