Reviewer's report

Title: Translation of tobacco policy into practice in disadvantaged and marginalized subpopulations: a mixed methods study of challenges and opportunities in remote Australian Indigenous communities

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Overall, an important article, with plenty of thoughtprovoking policy implications about the best ways to deliver tobacco interventions in disadvantaged communities. Interesting analysis of the perceptions of challenges vs opportunities, as represented visually in Figure 2.

Minor essential revisions
Introduction, para 1, line 8 delete 'of'
Under Participants and Sampling, para 2, clarify sentence 3 (community vs management vs frontline)
Discuss under limitations whether conducting interviews in English was a limitation. Also whether the lack of audio-recordings could have affected the results.

Discretionary revisions
Title: I am not sure this really is a mixed methods analysis, for me it was essentially a qualitative study.
Under Limitations, authors mention the small number of interviews. For a qualitative study, the actual number of interviews is actually quite large. Were these interviews in-depth, what was their average length in terms of minutes?
Under Discussion, the recommendations about centralised telephone counselling did not seem to me to arise from the interview results, which focused more on the opportunities for local change (smoke free workplaces etc).

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.