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Dr. Anne Sales and the Implementation Science Editorial Team

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Dear Dr. Sales and Editorial Team Members:

RE: Use of the Evidence Base in Substance Abuse Treatment Programs for American Indians And Alaska Natives: Pursuing Quality in the Crucible of Practice and Policy

Thank you for considering the enclosed resubmission to Implementation Science. We have attempted to address your comments and suggestions in this revised manuscript as described below. Specific changes to the text are highlighted.

1. It would be helpful to give specific examples of the EBTs that you describe in this paper, particularly for an audience not familiar with this clinical field.

   We have created a new section entitled “evidence-based treatments for substance abuse problems” [p. 11, par 1] that provides a brief overview of these EBTs as well as a new Table (Table 1) that briefly describes 5 of these EBTs.

2. …I think that while you contextualize the issues related to AI/AN groups well, it may be worth a paragraph in the Discussion that offers specific ways in which these communities are perhaps like other indigenous communities around the world which have been negatively impacted by European contact and colonization, followed by post-colonial control. Australian aboriginal communities, Canadian First Nations and Inuit peoples, Khoisan peoples of southern Africa, for example, all come to mind as sharing many of the characteristics of the communities you describe. I don't mean to suggest that you should make this a major focus of your paper, but discussing common characteristics and how some of the principles you describe might apply in other situations and circumstances may be worth some consideration.

   While we agree that there are strong parallels in both the historic and contemporary experiences of all indigenous communities, there are also important differences that make the extension of this Debate to these groups fraught with challenges. The paragraph we have included in the discussion [p. 22, par. 1] briefly describes these complexities.

Thank you again for considering this submission.

Sincerely,

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