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Thank you for the opportunity to review this important manuscript examining recruitment challenges in the hospital environment relevant to Indigenous traumatic brain injury.

This manuscript addresses a serious gap in the literature on a very important topic. Traumatic brain injury in indigenous populations are understudied despite the likely large numbers of persons affected. I applaud the authors for sharing these challenges with a greater audience. This issue of transitions after brain injury is an important one overall but in particular to indigenous patients and has been identified in other countries. I believe expanding the relevance to the work in the introduction could strengthen the paper eg see Keightley et al., 2011

I believe there could be further points of clarification in the manuscript. First, some information about how the data was collected, eg numbers of persons collecting information and their training.

What was the process of synthesizing the data? What qualitative methods were used?

Currently there is very little detail.

Comparing and contrasting with other literature would also be a welcome addition to the manuscript.

Overall, the manuscript was a pleasure to read.

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