Reviewer’s report

**Title:** A program to respond to otitis media in remote Australian Aboriginal communities: a qualitative investigation of parent perspectives

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this manuscript again. It is clear that the authors have taken into serious consideration previous feedback, however, a few minor revisions are suggested:

- In the abstract & methods section, please clarify which qualitative methodology was used to analyzed the data (page 2, line 32 and page 10, lines 24-47).

- Substantial copy editing is required. For example, in the results section, quotes under 40 words should be incorporated into the paragraph, not pulled out. Also, the sentence in brackets on page 16, lines 34-41 should be put as a footnote under the table, rather than in the text. Please review full manuscript for similar issues.

- While it is clear that the authors removed some repetition throughout the manuscript as requested, certain areas are still repetitive and unnecessary. For instance, on page 18, lines 36 to 54, the authors again repeat what the questions were asking, rather than summarizing what the findings were. This occurs throughout the results section. Please revise to minimize the wordiness and length of the manuscript.

- While the authors did attempt to open the discussion with a summary of the results, they unfortunately did not address the concerns as specific. For example, page 27, lines 12-22 is not a summary of results but of methods and should be removed. Also, while the headings are an improvement, each section should lead with the findings followed by their implication and relevance to existing literature, which is lacking. For example, on page 29, lines 1-15, this should be directly under the heading as this is a clear summarization of the findings while page 28, lines 15 to 23 should be removed, as again, it is just a description of the program that has been stated elsewhere. Considerable work is still needed on the discussion including how your findings are related to, builds on or differs from previous literature as well as relevance to future programs.
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