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To the editor, BMC International Health and Human Rights,

Re. revisions to The MuSeS Project: A mixed methods study to increase understanding of the role of settlement and multicultural services in supporting migrant and refugee women experiencing violence in Australia (IHHR-D-18-00172)

Thank you for reviewing our study protocol. The suggested essential revisions to this manuscript have been made, as outlined below:

1. Please provide a section in the Methods to justify the intended sample size. We would normally expect all study protocols to have a "Sample size calculation" section (or similar), and should include details on any relevant power calculations that were performed to arrive at the sample size mentioned
in your manuscript.

We have restructured the relevant section of the Methods – see heading on p. 15 at line 320, and the following paragraph. Our survey is designed to collect descriptive data, from a non-probability sample. We are not planning any group comparisons – therefore a power calculation to make sure we had a sufficient sample to compare two or more groups for a particular outcome is not required.

2. Thank you for providing us with the required Documentation, however we seem to be missing Ethical Approval from Flinders University Social and Behavioural Research Ethics Committee, would you mind emailing to eva.szunyogova@biomedcentral.com?

The approval has been emailed to the address above.

3. Please confirm whether informed consent, written or verbal, was obtained from all participants and clearly state this in your manuscript, in ‘Ethics approval and consent to participate’ section. If verbal, please state the reason and whether the ethics committee approved this procedure.

All participant consent will be written, as approved by the ethics committees. A line confirming this has been added to the ‘Ethics approval and consent to participate’ section, on p.19 line 437.

4. At this stage, please upload your manuscript as a single, final, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours. All relevant tables/figures/additional files should also be clean versions. Figures (and additional files) should remain uploaded as separate files.

A final version of the manuscript has been uploaded.

Please do not hesitate to be in touch if any further revisions are required.

Best wishes,

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