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Reviewer comments:

I would like to thank the authors for addressing the reviewers' comments. The manuscript generally reads well now. There are just a few additional corrections that need to be made, as outlined below.

1. Typos and punctuation errors throughout the Abstract need to be corrected.

2. Referencing is incorrect in the Tables. Please check. For example in Table 2, Commons (22) but ref 22 is a Davis paper in the Reference list?

3. Results, Page 7 and Page 8: "Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander people" should read "Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. There are a couple of instances in the paper where the 'and' has been dropped, so please review and correct where required. Also would it be appropriate to use the term Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians rather than 'people' to distinguish the population reported on in this paper from other Aboriginal populations in other countries? However, this is at the discretion of the authors.

4. Reference typo on page 8: "….comprising a minority of the regional population (223, 28)." I think that 223 should be 23? Please check.

5. Discussion: "A thematic summary of study findings is shown in Table 3." This phrase could be removed here, as suggested by another reviewer, as it is better placed in the Results rather than the Discussion.
6. Discussion: "Suggest that this sentence be removed as it is not directly relevant to the results presented: "It would be expected that results for other types of amputation e.g. posttrauma amputation would yield different trends."

7. Page 20, Table 2: Under Ewald there seems to be some words missing in the second column.

8. Page 21, Table 2: I suggest you delete the number (%) of Aboriginal participants from the fourth column for the Davis 2008 paper, as the results reported in the table are only on the cross-sectional analysis.

9. Page 22-23: I presume this is Table 3, but the heading is absent.

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