Reviewer's report

Title: Assisting an Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person with gambling problems: A Delphi study

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General Comments

Useful and practical research. I found the differences between Aboriginal and your general 'western country' guidelines interesting, particularly around the lack of endorsement of financial indicators. A few minor suggestions below.

Background

P 3, Line 71: "Indigenous research suggests that..." - suggest change to "Research with Indigenous populations in Australia suggests that...

P 4, Lines 82-85 "Research in Indigenous populations suggests that family, friends and the community can be a great source of help for gambling problems, if they have appropriate training [7,11].

Is it appropriate to expect family and friends to undergo training? I think most family and friends of problem gamblers are aware (but I agree that in many instances people with gambling problems become quite expert at hiding their problems. Suggest changing to (I think this will flow better to the next paragraph):

"Research in Indigenous populations in Australia and internationally suggests that family, friends and the community can be a great source of help for gambling problems, if they have appropriate knowledge of and awareness of symptoms [7,11].
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