Reviewer’s report

Title: Providing culturally safe cancer survivorship care with Indigenous communities: study protocol for an integrated knowledge translation study

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Survivorship care for Indigenous people is an important topic that is rarely addressed in the cancer survivorship literature. It is great to see a project being planned to address the needs of Indigenous cancer survivors. My specific comments are below:

Background:

Please elaborate more on the cancer data limitations for Indigenous populations in Canada. Do cancer registries collect race/ethnicity information?

Methods:

I think it would be helpful to elaborate more on how you plan to involve the Indigenous community in study design, training, and dissemination of the study's findings.

Literature search: If you weren't planning to already, I think it would be helpful to include other terms for Indigenous people in North America as well, particularly those used in the United States (American Indian, Alaska Native, Native American). It may be helpful to supplement your literature search to include the grey literature as well, including reports from government agencies, Tribal health boards, and nonprofit organizations that serve Indigenous populations.

Inductive content analysis: What methods do you plan to use to ensure data quality (developing a codebook, keeping an audit trail, involving multiple reviewers, etc.)? How will you involve Indigenous people in the interpretation of the findings so they accurately reflect the community's beliefs and are culturally relevant?

Research question 3: How will health care providers be trained to deliver culturally appropriate cancer survivorship care? Although there is a plan to develop a toolkit, its development seems to occur after the study period is over. Please provide more detail on how nurses and other health
care providers will implement the cancer survivorship strategies. It may be helpful to outline a preliminary program logic model that connects implementation activities to anticipated outcomes (healing, cancer screening, psychosocial support), even if these outcomes won't be quantitatively measured in this project.

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