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# Dear Editor,

**Re: Health and support service needs of individuals with disability from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds: a scoping review protocol**

On behalf of the Authors, I would like to tender our manuscript for your consideration and inclusion in the Journal.

Our scoping review protocol is informed by a previous publication in the Journal on immigrant women’s experiences of maternity-care services in Canada. The publication revealed that immigrant women in Canada face many barriers in accessing and utilising these services including lack of information about or awareness of the services and insufficient supports to access services.

Our research aims to build on this publication by identifying the health and support service needs of individuals with disability from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds to enable them to meaningfully engage in occupations. To the best of our collective knowledge, this is the first planned review on the topic in this vulnerable population.

Data extraction has not yet started. The preliminary search conducted was included in this submission.

This manuscript has not been published and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. All authors have reviewed and approved the manuscript.

We believe that this manuscript, when published, has the potential to inform broader policy discussions and will be of interest to diverse health disciplines that serve or interact with individuals with disability.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

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