Reviewer's report

Title: Perspectives on the role of stakeholders in Knowledge Translation in Health Policy Development in Uganda

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I can see that the authors have taken the review comments seriously and done much work to improve the text. However, it is still not ready.

The Methods sections is GREATLY improved!

The Introduction needs to be shortened, with the authors raising only the salient issues emerging from the literature rather than summarising all of the literature.

Please see my previous comment on the Results. These are still not organised into themes! In the Methods the process of thematic analysis is well described, but in the Results the authors only present the data by stakeholder type. A stakeholder type is not a theme, it’s a category. A theme is more akin to an issue. For example you may have as a theme “Promoting Evidence Uptake” and within this theme you would perhaps discuss perceptions on the roles of stakeholders in promoting research use. As a reviewer, I can’t help you any further with this. You would have to consult a qualitative researcher at your institution/university for further assistance in clarifying what a theme is.

The Discussion needs to be edited for readability. It is also quite unusual to start with the study limitations.

Context in all research, and particularly in qualitative research is very important. The study does not talk about knowledge translation in general but in Uganda specifically. This needs to be stressed throughout. Please refer to your country (Uganda) and content (health/public health policy) context in all sections of the paper.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.