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General remarks

The authors have adequately revised their manuscript. It has been improved very much. The authors thoroughly answered all reviewers' remarks. I think this manuscript is worth to publish. It is a very relevant topic to all scholars and practitioners who are involved in knowledge translation.

When assessing the work, please consider the following points:

1. Is the question posed by the authors new and well defined? Yes, no remarks to this point

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described, and are sufficient details provided to replicate the work?

   There are no major compulsory revisions

   A minor revision point: page 6 last sentence: “……which itself requires to make more explicit one’s theory of change, for the CoPkm as a whole,…..” So add as

3. Are the data sound and well controlled? See remarks point 2

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? No major revisions needed:

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?

6. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? Yes, no remarks to this aspect.

7. Is the writing acceptable? Yes
Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

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