Reviewer's report

Title: Knowledge Translation Research in Population Health: Establishing a Collaborative Research Agenda

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The authors note in their cover letter that all reviewer comments were addressed however two items that were deemed compulsory appear not to have been addressed so the editors may wish to receive a more detailed response from the authors explaining why they believe it is not necessary to, or how other edits compensate for the suggested compulsory changes:

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what processes and strategies constitute KT - while the authors elaborated on the why KT is important the manuscript and concepts considered largely focus on factors influencing the conduct and impact of KT, but they still do not explain for the naive reader (which includes just about everybody) what strategies and processes constitute KT - when someone does KT or uses KT, what do they do exactly? a couple of sentences would probably suffice

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at the end of the discussion the authors mention a half day validation exercise involving 30 individuals and report some of the data collected from those participants - validation is an important part of developing concepts and theory, and/or strategic planning so it is not clear why details are not included in the Methods and Results, unless this validation half day meeting corresponds to the Step 5 second meeting described in the Methods.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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