Reviewer's report

Title: When worlds collide

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There are Minor Essential Revisions to spellings and rephrasing of sentences to be done as suggested below.

1. These seemly different perspectives can lead to an uncomfortable low level of productivity in which sleaze, bias and inefficiency are common. Everyone looses.

   Suggest 'everyone loses'.

2. Academics are disempowered in their towers so far from the real world. – I was not clear what this ,meant, i.e was it meant to say ‘Academics are disempowered in their towers and feel so far removed from the real world'

3. This is concrete recognition that research is part of an NHS job,

   Suggest ‘There is concrete….’

4. The NHS has also encouraged much clinically relevant research in swathe of grant giving across all health care specialties.

   Suggest ‘in a swathe of grant giving’ or ‘in swathes of grant giving’

6. struck between innovative, imaginative research and the practical needs of the NHS, there may still be too many academics too far removed from practical patient care.

   Suggest ‘there may still be many academics too far removed'

7. The final and most important costumers

   Correct spelling ‘customers’

8. a unique opportunity to the NHS, academy and industry to finally work for the people who ultimately pay their salaries.

   I would suggest removing the phrase ‘pay their salaries’ and substitute it by ‘work for the people who ultimately should to be beneficiaries of collaborative research'

8. The NHS has a fine traditional of imaginative clinical research that, now, by some measures,

   Suggest ‘tradition of imaginative..’
**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests