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Title: Information Transfer: What do decision-makers want and need from researchers

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Dear Editors: Implementation Science,

Please accept this revised manuscript for publication at Implementation Science. I have made considerable changes and improvements to the previously revised manuscript based on the feedback received from you.

The following changes have been made:

a) Overall I have made the text more succinct and condensed;

b) I have rewritten the conclusions in the abstract.

c) In the text in the background section I have included more detail about the Canadian National Forum on Health.

d) In the methods section I have more clearly outlined the research design and process, as well as reduced repetition concerning the respondents.

e) I have included new paragraphs about the content of the survey, administration of the survey, and scoring of the survey data.

f) I have provided justification for why I used a 5% significance level instead of 1%.

g) I included a section on Ethics approval.

h) In the results section I have made considerable changes to remove text that is depicted in the tables, I have amalgamated tables and included additional detail where required in the tables. I have removed from the text descriptions of the items assessed as they are described in the tables.

i) In the discussion section I have shortened the content and have altered some of the wording to be more reflective of the presented empirical data. I have not removed the discussion about explaining why differences between the CCACs and CTCs exist, but am much more clear about where differences were observed. I think the discussion is now much more reflective of the data presented.

j) Finally, I have reduced the total number of tables from 15 to 6. I use overall mean and have provided (sd). I have used a legend to depict statistical significance. I have also included a legend depicting the scale scores and anchors.
I have made every attempt to address in a meaningful way each of the issues raised and feel this paper has been improved significantly as a result of these revisions. I look forward to hearing your comments on this revised submission.

Sincerely,

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