Reviewer's report

Title: The BARRIERS SCALE - the Barriers to Research Utilization Scale: A systematic review

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Discretionary Revisions

Dear editor,

Thank you for this revised, very well-written manuscript, which I enjoyed reading a lot. The authors have addressed my previous points, and have –I feel- significantly improved the structure of the paper. Also, the update of the search is an important improvement that adds to the relevance of the paper.

The question posed in the review was in itself not new, but it is now clearly stated what the current review adds to the previous reviews on this tool. Methods chosen are very thorough, well described and therefore highly replicable. The discussion and conclusions are well balanced and supported by the data. The current review is discussed in light of previous work, and suggestions for future research are offered.

The only question I had is whether it would be useful to update the numbers in figure 2 to now also include the studies that were identified in the update of the search?

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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'