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Title: Using Intervention Mapping to Develop and Adapt a Secondary Stroke Prevention Program in Veterans Administration Medical Centers

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Re: Manuscript “Using Intervention Mapping to Develop and Adapt a Secondary Stroke Prevention Program in Veterans Administration Medical Centers” MS number 1829282053285645

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Thank you for the opportunity to resubmit our original manuscript, “Using Intervention Mapping to Develop and Adapt a Secondary Stroke Prevention Program in Veterans Administration Medical Centers”, for consideration for publication in the Implementation Science. Please note that this is a different title for this manuscript.

We have completely altered this manuscript. As requested, we did highlight changes in the text (combination of highlight and track changes). However, at this time, due to the significant changes in the text, most of the text is altered and thus highlighted at this time. We have made the following changes:

- Abstract in a different style;
- Subheadings in the introduction
- Introduction subheadings including intervention mapping;
- Introduction is less focused on stroke and more focused on intervention mapping;
- Inclusion of chronic care model and implementation model
- We identify all intervention mapping steps and elaborate on each, providing examples of how each step was used in our process
- All of the steps of intervention mapping are woven through the manuscript;
- We no longer have a results section - rather we weave the results of the needs assessment into the entire manuscript;
- We removed most of the quotes from the needs assessment interviews, we now only include the most salient quotes, these are found within the steps of mapping as we used the quotes as a guide through the process.
- We thoroughly use intervention mapping to explain how we develop and will assess the intervention;
- Explained the development and implementation of the intervention using intervention mapping.
- Added implementation model to Step 2 of Intervention Mapping Figure/Matrix

This research has not been previously published.

As stated previously, it is important to publish this aspect of our research in Implementation Science. The research discussed in this manuscript is implementation science and is supported through VA implementation science funding. This aspect of the research includes the use of intervention mapping and a needs assessment interviews with frontline healthcare providers regarding the implementation of secondary stroke prevention in the VA. We discuss the use of intervention mapping for this study.

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We look forward to your comments. Thank you in advance for your time. Please note that I will be out of the office and away from email from August 18th-31st.

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