Reviewer's report

Title: Talk, Trust and Time: A Longitudinal Study Evaluating Knowledge Translation and Exchange Processes for Research on Violence Against Women

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Given the complexity of the evaluation strategy, the report was very well written except for a few minor points

Minor Essential Revisions

1. Description of process for developing key messages in Phase I is not consistent between Table 1 and Pg 6 of text.

2. Key Message development was identified one of the strategies used for KTE. These messages were foundations for both the workshop and forum. Understanding how these messages were developed and describing the process for reaching consensus on messages was not well described. Issues related to this were mentioned toward the end of the paper (p 29) but difficult to place in context without prior description.

3. Was workshop ½ day, as described on Page 6 or day long as described in Table 1. Length of workshop is important to clarify considering differences in feedback on both strategies.

4. It is not clear how stakeholders were identified for invitation or how much overlap (invited/attended) there was between the workshop and forum.

5. Given the sample size, it is important to be transparent when reporting percentages you might also provide the ratio (ie. p 13 para 1 and P. 17, para 2).

6. It is not clear how you evaluated the trustworthiness of your data.

Discretionary Revisions

1. Was there a particular framework or theory, which guided design of your KTE strategy and evaluation (survey items/interview guide)? Can you make the rationale for choice of strategy explicit?

2. Research question 2. (What factors influence uptake, sharing and use?) could be further developed in the discussion. For example, we know that organizational context can influence research use. You hosted a range of stakeholders from different organizational settings, can you comment on how different factors may have influenced different stakeholder groups? How might you address the tension between the messages and the expressed values and beliefs held by some stakeholders?

3. Mixed methods designs have many benefits, but one of the challenges is
managing the large volume of data. It feels like there are a few loose ends. A matrix or table identifying the key findings and exemplars from the data the different data sources might help the reader follow your data triangulation description.

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**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