

**Author's response to reviews**

**Title:** Implementing a knowledge application program for anxiety and depression in community-based primary mental health care: a multiple case study research protocol

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Prof Martin Eccles
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Dear Prof Eccles,

Please find enclosed our manuscript, "Implementing a knowledge application program for anxiety and depression in primary mental health care: a multiple case study research protocol", which we would like to submit for publication as a Study Protocol in Implementation Science.

This manuscript presents the implementation evaluation research protocol of a knowledge application program designed to improve the organization and delivery of care for anxiety and depression in community-based primary mental health care teams in Quebec (Canada). Our knowledge application program rests on the Chronic care Model to ensure that the implementation of change in clinical practice is supported by rigorous evidence-based data at the patient, clinical and organisational levels. The project will allow a close examination of the interplay between evidence, context and facilitation as conceptualized in the PARiSH framework. The project’s integrated approach to knowledge application is at the core of this collaborative endeavour, one that involves clinicians, healthcare managers and researchers alike.

We believe our manuscript will appeal to the readership of Implementation Science. We confirm that this manuscript has not been published elsewhere and is not under consideration by another journal. All authors have approved the manuscript and agree with its submission to Implementation Science. Please find enclosed the ethics approval for the research project and the funding notification from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. No data cleaning or analysis has occurred prior to submission of the manuscript.

Sincerely,

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