Reviewer’s report

Title: Blending Integrated Knowledge Translation with Global Health Governance: A blended approach for advancing action on a wicked problem

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Reviewer: Jessie-Lee McIsaac

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Thank you to the authors for this insightful article exploring integrated knowledge translation and global health governance. I found the article to be very well-written and provide critical perspective on the important topic of addressing health equities. I recommend revisions to deepen the discussion and provide more explicit guidance on blending of approaches to support meaningful healthy equity action as this is a main purpose of your article.

Your introduction is comprehensive and well framed in terms of the focus of the article. You may want to review the instructions for authors as the article was submitted as a 'review' but is framed as a 'debate.' I am unsure if the way it is framed is truly a 'debate.'

Your section on the wickedness of health inequities is well described through relevant literature. The mechanistic assumptions (Table 1) is helpful in framing but I wonder if there should be reference back to this in your final section to provide more explicit guidance on the blending in the approaches. Further, the last section could be re-organized to make your suggestions for blending of the approaches more clear. This is where I think the majority of revision is needed to ensure you meet your proposed purpose. Perhaps a table, or a clear summary paragraph in this final section that summarizes the blending of the two approaches would help frame your contribution. There are a few sentences in the concluding paragraph that seem to provide more explicit recommendations (e.g., lines 365, 374) but I would suggest moving this earlier to help with clarity.

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