Reviewer’s report

Title: Knowledge mobilisation in practice: an evaluation of the Australian Prevention Partnership Centre

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This is an interesting study that seeks to understand how mobilisation of knowledge is developed to impact policy making and promote policy-informed research using the Australian Prevention Partnership Centre as a case study. Through a mixed method that involves surveys and interviews with policy makers and research partners, it assesses the activities employed to operationalise a series of Centre's strategies and identifies challenges in knowledge mobilisation.

Below are my main comments:

1. I think the article is in general well-written. However, I often felt it was not self-contained, as I had to review information only provided as supplementary materials in order to understand the main text. I understand that this article is based on information provided in a previous article, but I think more information on participant recruitment and data collection could be included. I find the COREQ checklist a very useful resource to report qualitative research. I think an anonymised descriptive table of participants or information on the percentage of participants from each professional background (e.g., policymakers, researchers, both) taking part in each research activity could be useful to also understand the results.

2. The results section contains abundant descriptive information that, from my point of view, could be included in the background. I understand that authors want to help the reader cross-reference between the Centre's strategies and the themes related to them, but this amount of description obscures and hides the results. For example, in page 16 (lines 38-47), this is a good quotation and the theme itself is very relevant but it does not stand out.

3. In relation to number 2, it would be useful to include a summary of themes related to each strategy. I think authors could include a table (similar to Table 2) with the main themes and minor themes and supporting information from surveys and participants feedback so the reader can have an overall impression of the results. This would also make the study findings more easily identifiable by the reader and research community, for example, for researchers doing a systematic review on the subject.

4. There is little allusion to published literature when reporting results or discussing the findings. Some results are very illustrative of the challenges that policymakers and researchers may find in mobilising knowledge and the addition of literature supporting the findings could highlight their
relevance and credibility, like in page 27 (lines 21-23) and page 29 (line 20).

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