Author’s response to reviews

Title: Using rapid environmental scan methodology to map country-level global health research expertise in Canada

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I think your response to the reviewers regarding webinars and training sessions should be in the text, not just the response to reviewers. You have already referenced the article [27] but I think you should include the point about “web-based searches are limited in their ability to find webinars and other similar training sessions, typically biasing the findings to only the most recent training sessions” in the main body text.

-- Thanks for all of your suggestions! We have now included this point in the limitations section.

Similarly, your point about not using an existing evaluation or implementation framework would be of interest to readers - please add into main body text (e.g. in the discussion section or an appropriate place in the methods / introduction - the relevant text (needs to be re-worded for article) is “frameworks the reviewer suggested are focused on program implementation and evaluation and are not applicable in this case. In our paper we aimed to fill this gap by developing a methodologic framework for a rapid environmental scan method that provides a systematic approach to identifying expertise, and which draws on a range of research inputs, activities, and outputs”

-- We have now included the point about existing evaluation or implantation frameworks in the introduction.

Again - the reference and text justifying your screening of the first 100 results should be in the main body text for readers - not just in the response to reviewers! Please add the explanation and the reference.
-- We had previously included the explanation about the first 100 results in our main text. Please see lines 134-136.

I think the article title doesn’t quite reflect what you have done - in light of reviewer comments I suggest you alter it to better reflect that you did and environmental scan and formed conclusions based on your mapping - e.g. “Using a rapid environmental scan to map country-level global health research expertise: Case study of Canada”

-- We have now changed the title of the article to “Using rapid environmental scan methodology to map country-level global health research expertise in Canada”.