Reviewer’s report

Title: Assessing citation networks for dissemination and implementation research frameworks

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Reviewer: Janet Long

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Dear Authors,

Thanks for the opportunity to review your manuscript.
I found this citation network article very interesting although I admit to having to read it slowly to follow what you did. I agree totally with your assertion that frameworks in D&I abound and for those not already married to one method, it can be very confusing trying to pick the best one. I really like the approach therefore of seeing which ones have the most support from the academic community.

I had a number of questions as I read the abstract and introduction but you have fully addressed them; e.g., the issue of whether citation = competent use, and whether citation was a robust enough measurement taking into account journal impact factors etc.

Well done. The study was competently undertaken, and clearly and logically written and explained. Good use of sociograms to show relationships and the Tables are also very useful.

My only hesitation is whether the editors think it is a good fit with the journal. I could understand someone less au fait with network analysis might have got lost in the method and missed the highly relevant results. A solution you may wish to consider is to take out the detail of the methods and put it into an Additional e-File. Then the results will be front and centre and, I suspect be of the most use to implementation researchers.

Best wishes for your future research,

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