Author’s response to reviews

Title: Intermediary/Purveyor Organizations for evidence-based interventions in U.S. child mental health: Characteristics and implementation strategies

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Comment: Frequent use of 'IPO's' when the plural is needed rather than the possessive. (Plural is IPOs. Possessive is IPO's.) Please fix. Ditto EBIs.

Response: We apologize for this error. We have searched the document and corrected these errors.

Comment: Could use some close editing for clarity, and some typos (eg twart).

Response: Thank you

Comment: Results and Discussion are much improved from first version.

Response: Thank you

Comment: ... describe features of IPOs for US ..' unclear what is meant here - do you mean IPOs that address child health? How else are the features 'for' child health? - This sentence is confusing and needs to be clarified.
Response: We edited the sentence as follows: This paper’s objectives are to describe features of IPOs that disseminate EBIs for U.S. child behavioral health and identify the strategies they use to support their implementation.

Comment: Overall the text leading up to the last para could be condensed and clarified. The last para is very clear.

Response: We have edited, condensed, and clarified background text on pages 2 & 3.

Comment: Line 105 - do you mean the mechanism used to bring treatment discoveries?

Response: We changed the word mechanism, which could have multiple confusing meanings, and used the term “delivery system,” citing Kreuter. Thank you.

Comment: Line 105 - can you give an example here?

Response: Example IPOs are named.

Comment: Line 107 - why is it a problem that developers form these organizations? Is that a contributor to low delivery of EBIs? Why?

Response: Our edit should clarify that we do not view it as a problem, rather as an alternative to an FDA type organization with substantial resources.

Comment: Not sure the para that starts at line 131 is needed - or, be more clear as to why these definitional issues contribute to the lack of info on how IPOs do what they do.

Response: Given the limited literature on IPOs, we prefer to retain this paragraph to help readers understand what IPOs do, and to convey that IPOs function in a variety of different ways.

Comment: Line 146 - is this speculated or known?

Response: We knew this, based on our knowledge of specific IPOs (prior to conducting the study) and because of our findings, as reported later. We believe many readers will also have this understanding.