Author’s response to reviews

Title: Choosing implementation strategies to address contextual barriers: Diversity in recommendations and future directions

Authors:

Thomas Waltz (twaltz1@emich.edu)

Byron Powell (bjpowell@email.unc.edu)

María Fernández (maria.e.fernandez@uth.tmc.edu)

Brenton Abadie (babadie@emich.edu)

Laura Damschroder (laura.damschroder@va.gov)

Version: 2 Date: 08 Apr 2019

Author’s response to reviews:

Reviewer 1:

"The authors have been quite responsive in addressing the concerns of this reviewer, especially in terms of retitling the manuscript."

-- We appreciate this and thank you for the continued thoughtfulness in your review.

1. The authors have been quite responsive in addressing the concerns of this reviewer, especially in terms of retitling the manuscript. However, some concerns remain. The authors state that they "stand by the approach taken in this study and enumerate its limitations on pages 12-13, lines 276 to 284, pages 14-15, lines 316 to 340, and page 17, lines 397 to 401..." these are limitations of the inferences to be drawn and not limitations of the approach itself. The paper would be more convincing if there were an explicit section delineating limitations related to the methods, e.g., self-identified expertise, sample could reflect selection bias, etc.

Reply:

Thank you for further clarifying aspects of limitations we had not included. A new limitations section has been added (lines 378 through 403) in response to your suggestion.
2. I apologize for stating that the example chosen to illustrate the potential was ref 32. It was reference 31. However, while reference 32 is a well-known and readily available journal, reference 31 is not. While published by Oxford Academic, reference 31 remains behind paywalls at the VA and my university, making it a less suitable example for a reader seeking more information.

Reply:

We understand your concern about article availability. Many journals are behind firewalls including Translational Behavioral Medicine, a journal sponsored by the Society of Behavioral Medicine. The publisher of this journal changed recently and during that transition, some of the links were not working properly, which may have added to your challenge.

The wonderful news is that because this article is more than a year old, it is available through PubMed.gov and through scholar.google.com. As VA funded research, this journal releases the article after a 12-month delay via Pub Med Central. We hope the reviewer will be pleased to learn that the article (31) can be freely accessed from this web link: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5526796/

Also, for the reviewer’s information, VA librarians can get prints of nearly any article via Interlibrary systems. I’ve had our librarian obtain difficult to access articles in the past by emailing her directly. We share this option to help you with any of your future needs through VA.