Author's response to reviews

Title: Social richness, socio-technical tension and the virtual commissioning of NHS research.

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Dear Sir or Madam,

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With reference to your e-mail dated 24 May 2007, please find attached our revised article entitled ‘Social richness, socio-technical tension and the virtual commissioning of NHS research’.

The following changes have been made to the article:

Reviewer comments:

- **Methods section.** An additional sentence has been inserted in paragraph 1 page 12 which reads:
  On the basis of the findings and examination of the literature, social richness was identified as a core category for the subsequent selective framing and juxtaposition of relevant additional categories and codes.
- **Results section.** A clearer specification of the paper’s research focus is given on page 5 paragraph 1:
  Our aim here is not to give a detailed account of the study and its findings; this was reported in an earlier issue of this journal [6] but rather to focus in more depth on a number of conceptual issues that were raised during the study about CMC. These include the effects of CMC when used to support group work and in particular how social richness can act to counter the socially impoverishing and time limiting effects of asynchronous computer mediated communication.
- page 7, paragraph 2, line 1 the word ‘on’ has replaced ‘of’.
- page 18, line 1, first paragraph, author name inserted for reference [30].
- page 18, first and second lines final paragraph, author names inserted for refs [33] and [34].
- An additional reference has been added [6] in para 1, page 5. This has meant that all subsequent reference numbers have increased by one, both in the text and in the list of references.

Formatting:

- Full stop removed from end of the title.
- United Kingdom added to affiliation details of each author.
- Affiliation details of Christine McCourt updated to read:
Running title removed.
Table placement text has been removed.
All tables have been numbered using standard numbers and this has been reflected in the text throughout the manuscript.
Table titles now appear above all tables. Legends appear below the tables in tables 1 and 2.

If you require any further information please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Philip A Morgan