Author's response to reviews

Title: Self-collected versus clinician-collected sampling for sexually transmitted infections: A systemic review and meta-analysis protocol

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Dear Editor,

Please revisions to our manuscript entitled, "Diagnostic characteristics of self collected specimens for sexually transmitted infections: a systematic review and meta-analysis protocol". Our response to the peer reviewer is found herein. We have not registered with PROSPERO therefore, we have mentioned this in our methods section.

We have highlighted with 'tracked changes' all changes made when revising the manuscript to make it easier for the Editors to give us a prompt decision on your manuscript.

Comment to Peer Reviewer:
Thank you very much for your thoughtful comment. We will include population type as a sub-group for analysis based on your comment. As our study is a systematic review/meta-analysis, we can review all the populations from the studies we will include, and group them together according to type. These grouping may include young urban men, rural religious women, hard to reach populations, ect… depending on the studies we find. We then do sub-group analyses based on these groups.

We thank you again for your peer review.

Sincerely, Carole Lunny
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