Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editor,

Firstly, thank you for accepting our revisions on the academic points raised by the Reviewers, and for your continued interest in our work.

Secondly, you ask us to clarify our authorship. As leader of this project, I can honestly say that Heather Morgan has made a tremendous contribution to our work. She heavily revised my first draft before submission to the journal, adding her tremendous insights on gender/feminist theory and applying them to our work. Many citations were suggested by her. She contributed greatly therefore to revising the manuscript prior to submission, as well as adding invaluable contributions to the interpretation of data. Like all authors, she approved the submission and agrees to take responsibility for the work. Moreover, she made a vital contribution to the Major Revision we were asked to perform in response to Reviewers' comments on our initial submission. So, by ICMJE (as per your listed points) or any other community standards in public health, Heather qualifies as an author.

So, we have checked our contribution statement to ensure it correctly represents her contribution as qualifying for authorship.

We say "Data were initially interpreted by MSB, but both HMM and JB contributed important insights to the interpretation of results". So, this clearly states that HMM contributed to the interpretation of results

We also say "All authors contributed important revisions to the manuscript and approved the submission". 'All authors' includes HMM, since she is listed as an author. So, this clearly states HMM made important revisions to the manuscript and approved the submission. By definition, all authors who approve the submission agree to take responsibility for the work.
We hope that this clarification satisfactorily addresses your concern. Since we believe our contribution statement is ICMJE compliant, we have not made any change to the statement in the manuscript, and therefore retain the Revision 2 version of the manuscript.

We hope that this now meets with your acceptance, and we thank you for your interest in and contribution to our work. I am travelling this week, so I may be slower than normal in replying to emails/notifications. My current email address is maxbarnish@gmail.com.

Thanks

Dr Maxwell Barnish, on behalf of the authors.