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Title: A Lung Cancer Research Agenda that Reflects the Diverse Perspectives of Community Stakeholders: Process and Outcomes of the SEED Method

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Dear Sophie Staniszewska and Richard Stephens,

Thank you for your review and comments on our manuscript, which describes the process and outcomes of a new Method (SEED) for the engagement of stakeholders in research question development and prioritization.

You made two revision requests. You requested that we revise the Lay Summary to ensure that it will be understood by reasonably well-informed members of the public. We have considered your specific recommendations carefully and have incorporated them into our revision of the Lay Summary. We hope that we have appropriately addressed this issue.

Your second request was that we provide a justification for the lack of a lay co-author for the paper. I am sorry for this mis-understanding. In fact, Dawn Moser is a lay co-author. She is a member of the community project team, Engaging Martinsville, and a resident of the community. She had the role of community Project Coordinator.

Because all of the Engaging Martinsville community research team members were compensated for their time conducting project activities, they were made wage employees of Virginia Tech. For this reason, I used a Virginia Tech address and e-mail for Ms. Moser. She does not reside in Blacksburg, however.
I have changed her address in the manuscript to reflect her Martinsville address and personal e-mail.

We have also acknowledge the community research team and project participants in the acknowledgements section of the manuscript. I hope this addresses this question.

Please let me know if you have further concerns.