Author’s response to reviews

Title: Learning about how Public Involvement strengthens HIV research as a Medical Student

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Reviewer #1:

Thank you for your comments, I am glad you were able to take the time to read my work. My supervisors are aware that I submitting to RIAE and helped me along the way. I have added a few ideas from my personal experiences about how medical schools might directly introduce PPI in their curriculum. Thank you.

Reviewer #2:

Thank you for your time and for reading my piece. I was able to conduct a small amount of PPI myself during this project, but it was on a very small scale due to the nature of this project. I received comments from the group on my ideas and also about the readability of work for a wider audience. I have tried to make this clearer in my manuscript.

I have now included a few ideas about how I feel PPI could be directly introduced to the program and some ways in which medical schools could make us not only qualified doctors but excellent future researchers too.

I have now included my research question more clearly in the abstract and the main text.

Reviewer #3:

Thank you for reading my piece I am glad you found it interesting. It may be that many medical students go their whole student careers without being introduced to formally to the concept of PPI. I have now included some reflection on this in my manuscript. Completing this project was a core part of our study, however only four of us completed this specific project on PPI, therefore, others would not have had this opportunity, I have now stated this in my manuscript.

I am glad you like the way I have linked contemporary and historical PPI - I found researching this very interesting. I have now referenced some GMC guidance on PPI in undergraduate medical education, which provides a useful link to how it is currently used by medical schools.
If my project had not been on PPI, I would have not had the opportunity to use the health and environment public engagement group for feedback, this is something that I now acknowledge and discuss in my manuscript.

You raise a very interesting topic re: LGTB+ issues in medical curricular, although I feel this is beyond the scope of my current letter, this is an issue that I find very interesting and something that I find myself directly impacted by. Therefore I would love to complete further research into and possibly write about in the future. Thank you.

CO-EDITOR-IN-CHEIF:

Thank you for your comments. I have tried to include some of the suggestions made by the reviewers and have tried to draw out a few of their suggested themes. I hope that you will like my resubmitted manuscript and don't hesitate to let me know what you think. Changes are marked in red.

Thank you,

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