Reviewer’s report

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

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Reviewer: Krysia Dziedzic

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This is an informative description of PPI in undergraduate health studies and it is especially helpful as the author is a student.

I have only a couple of questions and comments:

Was there PPI involvement in the student project itself? I think there was but it is hard to discern. If yes, then acknowledgement of individuals’ contributions would be welcomed. If not would the author like to comment on this?

It would be helpful to reflect on how medical students can involve patients and the public in their research projects, and when qualified, the mechanisms for continuing to involve PPI in health research for example the Research Design Service?

It would be helpful to describe the research question for this project early and in the abstract.

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