

World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
By email

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Dear Sir

RE Response to reviewers article entitled “The role of simulation in training the next generation of endoscopists”
Ref 8187

Thank you for the opportunity to revise this manuscript. We would like to thank the reviewers for their contributions to improving this manuscript and for taking the time to read and comment upon it.

We have incorporated changes as follows:

- 1) Changed the format according to the editor’s suggestions: expanded the abstract, added core tips and increased the number of references.
- 2) Suggestions of reviewers
 - i) The abstract has been extended and made more comprehensive
 - ii) We have not expanded the description of mechanical simulators a great deal as we do not want to change the balance of this article
 - iii) We do not have access to good quality pictures which we have copyright to publish, which is why no figures are available
 - iv) We have not incorporated a table of all available simulators as we are concerned this might commercially disadvantage the manufacturers of any simulators we do not include.

We hope you now consider this article suitable for publication in your journal. If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



Simon Blackburn