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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 20505-Review.doc).

Title: Role of virtual reality simulation in endoscopy training

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 References and typesetting were corrected

3 We have revised our manuscript based on these suggestions and are providing point-by-point responses, as requested:

- We have updated our methods section with a more detailed description of our search strategy
- We have included a table with the various outcomes of studies evaluating the role of simulation in gastroscopy training
- We have provided some additional comments regarding the varied integration of VR simulation and the differences in VR simulation exposure that candidates had in different studies, as requested by the reviewers
- The definition of a 'novice' and an 'expert' varied considerably among different studies. We have provided some more details regarding the definition of 'expert' level in our revised manuscript
- In the tables summarising the different studies we have made a note of which outcomes were patient-related and which were simulation-related

We hope that we have provided satisfactory responses to the reviewers' comments and that your readers will find our revised manuscript interesting.

With kind regards

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