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**Re: Manuscript ID 03330452**

Dear members of the editorial board:

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to revise our manuscript entitled “**Simulation in endoscopy: Practical educational strategies to improve learning**” (manuscript ID **03330452**). We have outlined our responses below and tracked them as changes in the manuscript:

**REVIEWER 1**

1. *This is an important opinion-based review article to move the training strategy forward*
  - We thank the reviewer for their timely review on our article.

**REVIEWER 2**

1. *This is a very well written review on a topic not often discussed. Even though the authors do discuss cost, readers will be interested in knowing more about the cost involved in getting simulators.*
  - We agree that cost is an important topic. It is, however, a complex topic in endoscopy and one which has no high-quality data. Rather than providing a superficial overview of cost, we have added in a sentence stating that this topic has not been well studied and added a citation on the topic.
2. *A table enumerating previous studies that looked at the role of using simulators.*
  - Our article focuses on practice educational strategies in using simulators, rather than summarizing the evidence on simulation in endoscopy, a topic which has been covered in multiple systematic and narrative reviews. We have added in a sentence stating as such and provided citations, including a recently published Cochrane review (Introduction).
3. *Recommend adding figure (pictures) of the simulators.*
  - We have added in a figure depicting a progressive model of simulation whereby learners complete simulation-based tasks of increasing difficulty as their skills improve (see Figure 1).

Thank you for your consideration of this review. We look forward to your comments.

Yours sincerely,



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