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Thank you for giving us the opportunity to revise our invited mini-review manuscript "**Virtual reality simulation in endoscopy training: current evidence and future directions.**" We thank the reviewers for their insightful and thoughtful comments. We have addressed the reviewers' queries and have outlined our responses and any corresponding changes below:

**EDITOR:**

1. Audio core-tip has been recorded and updated
2. PMID and DOI numbers are added to the references

**REVIEWER #1:**

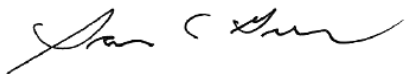
1. *In Table 2, Abbreviations; OGD and ERCP should be spelled out.*  
These have been corrected in the text of the article to esophagogastroduodenoscopy and endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography respectively

**REVIEWER #2:**

1. *No comment on the cost of such systems. Please make comments or present data if any.*  
There is no standardized data on the cost of virtual-reality systems. A comment regarding the lack of cost-effectiveness data for VR simulation has been added to the discussion.
2. *Also no separation between SBT on basic endoscopies (e.g. diagnostic gastroscopy or colonoscopy) and more advanced interventional endoscopies such as Mucosectomies and ERCPs. I think that no SBT is adequate for ERCP training and so some comments are necessary.*  
We agree with the authors and have added a comment regarding the paucity of literature supporting adequacy of VR vs. apprenticeship training for ERCPs.
3. *On table 2 page 7 Cohen instead of <<teach>> is <<reach the cecum>>.*  
This has been changed in the manuscript.

Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript.

Yours sincerely,



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