Reviewer's report

Title: An integrative OSCE methodology for enhancing the traditional OSCE program at Taipei Medical University Hospital

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I do not understand the abstract: 30 divided into groups of 6 equals five, you have 4(?) groups however examine a SP/VP combination? Do you consider a 5 Station OSCE valid, discuss this?! You have no clear comparison SP vs. VP right?

How do you address OSCE aims at being realistic and a according to the author's statement "clearer presentation" may be the fruit of a more artificial patient presentation in VP?

OSCE stations are generally weighted according to student performance and when a certain station is highly inconsistent in results this station's results are not included into the final result.

Discuss the cost benefit in VP.

A disorganized manuscript, lacks a clear objective formulation in the introduction, in the "Methods" you write students "had two hours per day for each station" there may be several translation mistakes (?) discussion lacks a clear comparison to existent literature. Discuss whether the iOSCE does not give away many benefits of the OSCE as alive simulation patients.

Cannot be accepted as is, although the manuscript has merit, it requires extensive revision.