Reviewer's report

Title: "Evaluating progressive levels of simulation in the development of technical skills, integrated performance and woman centred clinical assessment in midwifery students"

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Minor essential revision:
This is a great study and well thought out in translating previous work. The introduction and background could be strengthened with more references and sub headings as it feels like it jumps around to build the case for the study. We have an abundance of literature on OB simulation that would apply to this study. I think making midwifery separate from nursing limits their scope of practice and sphere of influence. They have a lot to teach the rest of the world who do not use a midwifery model.

the basic study design and measures are fine/ the IPPI has a low alpha. is there another measure you could include with that assessment to show validity?

You are testing a new instrument: you may want to include more about how it was developed. I can see that this may be a separate paper after the study on the development and psychometric testing.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests