Reviewer's report

Title: Prof-in-a-Box: using internet video-conferencing to assist students in the gross anatomy lab.

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Reviewer: Rustin Reeves

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General
The paper is well written and describes a novel form of technology applied to the teaching of the anatomical sciences. The author is aware of the need for innovative teaching techniques in anatomy because of the possible shortfall of trained anatomists in the near future. This technique would allow a professor to identify structures and direct dissection laboratory discussion from a remote site. That site could either be from the professors office or even off-campus. The author has described in detail the equipment that is required to integrate this type of technology into the human anatomy teaching experience.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
1. The author needs to replace the word "lab" in the title with laboratory.
2. In the abstract and throughout the body of the text, the author needs to replace the word "lab" with laboratory. For the anatomy dissection laboratory, the author can put (anatomy dissection lab) after the first use of the term, and then refer to it as the antaomy dissection lab thereafter. However, if only referring to the laboratory alone, spell the work out. Don't use the abbreviated version.
3. You can leave the work "lab" in student comments if those are direct quotes.
4. On the discussion page, in the second sentence: Spell out the word "four" for the number 4.
5. In the discussion, on line 13, place a comma after the line, "During the initial development of this project, ".

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

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