Reviewer's report

Title: On the Usage of Health Records for the Design of Virtual Patients: a Systematic Review

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Major Compulsory Revisions:
None

Minor Essential Revisions:
1. It would be helpful if the authors would provide an accepted definition of "virtual patient" as the term has broad interpretation given the significant increase in its use.
2. The term SCORM is defined on page 9 but first appears on page 4.

Discretionary Revisions:
1. While it may be beyond the intended purpose of the article, it may be helpful to correlate some of the teaching paradigms and styles that are often required when virtual patients are used compared to "traditional" methods. The authors do note some of these demands in the development of cases, but not much discussion about this in the delivery.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.