Reviewer's report

**Title:** Casebook: A virtual patient iPad application for teaching decision-making through the use of electronic health records

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This is an interesting paper with the aim of introducing a new software that facilitates case creation for virtual patients.

**Major Compulsory Revisions:**

1. The paper seems in some section lengthy and repetitive. I think it should be shortened in the section: Motivation for the design of the Case book”. This is motivation is clear and obvious and does not need lengthy explanations.
2. The paper/software claims to be linked to electronic patient charts: however I do not really understand how that works. This should be explained in detail.

Furthermore in my opinion the following questions should be adressed in the paper:

What are the legal aspects of transferring patient data on an online paltform? Who finally creates the cases? Even though considered easy: How long does it take to create a case? If already working how many cases are already available?

**Conclusion:**

The conclusion again are lengthy and should be shortened. In my opinion the paper should be focused more if not only on the description of the software.

**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 have no competing interests in relation to this paper