Reviewer's report

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Re:
> Naboth A Mbembati Dr, Stephanie V Tache Dr, Nell
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> Addressing gaps in surgical skills training:
> experience piloting a surgical skills curriculum
> using low cost simulation at the Muhimbili
> University, Tanzania

I have reviewed this article and I found it interesting to read and important in that it dealing with a problem that many medical schools in the region face. The paper is well written in acceptable form. It addresses an important aspect of surgical training, namely basics surgical skill training in a medical school with limited resources and increasing number of students and declining numbers of trainers.

The justification for the study is well documented. The method used is clear. The results are well presented using tables and figures.

The discussion is relevant to the question which was being addressed.

I find the title too long. The authors could shorten the title if possible.
Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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