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<Major Comments>
Authors presented that medical students as well as newly graduated doctors show that they are insufficiently prepared for performing DRE. However, DRE itself doesn’t need hard clinical skill. Actually, interpretation of abnormal finding is more important and needs more training than simple DRE skills. Training DRE using SPs can be educational methods to train DRE skills, but can’t simulate abnormal finding of rectum such as colonic polyps or rectal cancer. Therefore, we usually utilize training dummies for training DRE skills in practice.

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