Author’s response to reviews

Title: Virtual reality technology for teaching neurosurgery of skull base tumor

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Question 1: Did the authors address the reviewers' previous comments?
Partially; it is still unclear to me whether those in the traditional learning group were blinded to the fact that virtual reality was available. It might lead to less engagement and satisfaction with traditional learning if they were aware something "better" was available. Although lack of blinding would not preclude publication in my opinion, the possibility of the dynamics described above should at least be acknowledged as a potential study limitation.
Answer:
The application of this teaching method was carefully discussed and passed at the teaching and research section. In order to ensure the consistency of traditional teaching effects, the collective preparation of lessons is led by the director of the teaching and research section, and in the process of grouping, it is also recognized by all teachers and students. Because we don’t know if VR can improve the quality of teaching before the study, the students in the traditional teaching group did not feel that VR teaching was better, so the enthusiasm for learning was not hit.

Question 2: The end of the discussion and conclusion (beginning with line 19 on page 7 through the conclusion) seem overly verbose and a bit redundant. The authors added text, presumably to satisfy the other reviewer. But in my opinion, this only adds to what already seems a bit rambling. A focused discussion should emphasize their observations (improved anatomical understanding and learning satisfaction) in the context of the existing literature in this area.
Answer:
1. The discussion section has been properly deleted. Please review it.
2. As you said, this is definitely the opinion of another reviewer. I read carefully the references provided by the reviewer and added 11 references.

Editor Comments:
We notice that you that He Wang Lan digital ST CO.LTD in your acknowledgements section. Please clarify the relation of this company to the study. Please review our competing interests information and revise your manuscript as appropriate.

Answer:
This research team is a teaching team, engaged in virtual teaching research for many years, but has not yet received project funding support. He Wang Lan Digital ST CO. LTD provides only some hardware equipment that we lack, it is free. The core technologies of collecting, segmenting, producing and importing patient image data are accomplished by Xuefei Shao and Yuan quan. We have no economic relationship with He Wang Lan Digital ST CO. LTD in the process of cooperation, so we just express our gratitude in this article.