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Comments to Authors:

Excellent paper which shows what needs to be the direction towards real digitalisation of the OR! Technically, it is probably much "easier" than overcoming regulatory and/or political obstacles.

Two recommendations which do not require a second peer-review:

- Key words: add "Operating Room of the Future (ORF)".

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Comments to Authors:

The author presents in this excellent paper a very interesting view in surgeons future regarding the implementation of next generation digital and interactive devices in the surgical environment. The current speed of intelligent digital evolution comprises the opportunity of modulating assisting systems to improve surgeons performance and reduce avoidable incidents - not only in the OR. It will be fascinating to observe how fast this general development will be transferred into medical respectively surgical domains.