

Review of: "Online learning during the COVID-19 pandemic, lessons learned and what's next?"

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The theme of your work is exciting, despite being outdated. The article intends to analyze the gap between planned online learning and the emergency shift to e-learning. The manuscript has potential as it delves into an important topic; however, a couple of points should be addressed before publication.

i) The manuscript must be more carefully problematized, creating a compelling motivation. It would be best if you made it clear from the beginning: how your research contributes to the literature, what research gaps you are filling, and the implications of your project. Also, the objective of the manuscript needs to be clarified.

ii) The manuscript could be more robust in terms of structure. I recommend the usual "Introduction, Methodology, Results, Discussion, and Conclusion."

iii) The research method needs to be clarified. Your work seems like a summary or report rather than an academic journal paper. Please, make the data collection and analysis explicit. In other words, please outline your methodology in a more transparent way. Without a structured literature review, your work seems incomplete and biased.

iv) The discussion needs improvement. This section is the most critical part of a paper, where you can formulate a deeper understanding of the research problem you proposed. In other words, you need to interpret and describe the significance of your findings. Please, reflect on the objective of your work. You have concluded without clearly stating how to decrease the gap between planned online learning and the emergency shift to e-learning.

v) The paper should be proofread in English. Moreover, the paragraphs are not connected in a clear and meaningful way. Some paragraphs are very extensive. There are also issues with punctuation, spelling, and reference formats.

vi) Too many sentences need references (especially in the section 'filling the gap'). Also, many recent papers were omitted and could be included in your literature review. Finally, it seems the manuscript was written during the Pandemic;

now, the author must update the paper's content to incorporate current events.

vii) The author proposes 'Best Practices' in Table 1, based on the existing literature and studies on online learning in universities during the COVID-19 pandemic; however, references were not provided, making it difficult to believe in the results.

viii) The conclusion section should present your results, the main contributions, limitations, and what to do next.

ix) Finally, constructs such as "online teaching," "online learning," "e-learning," and "distance learning" were not defined.