

Peer Review

Review of: "A Case Series of Virtual Reality-Based Social Interactions for Adolescents with Psychiatric Disorders in a Television Program: Insights from NHK's Project Aliens"

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The manuscript is greatly expanded for clarity and context in response to reviewer feedback. I endorse this manuscript for publication, with only minor and optional recommendations for further detail.

Specific comments:

1. It is mentioned that, "This approach was developed in collaboration with mental health professionals to ensure that it aligned with therapeutic principles." This was in reference to the world building of the metaverse, as well as the design of the Moon Rabbit. While out of scope for this manuscript, I encourage the researcher to consider publishing a separate manuscript on the design approach and process, as this work is novel and of interest for social impact.
2. The description of the Moon Rabbit is much clearer. Please consider including their discussion script or guide as a supplementary document for replication purposes, if feasible.
3. The paragraph above Figure 3 now includes participant quotes about the 3 scenes. These are mostly single-word quotes for sentiment analysis. I would prefer to see complete sentiments/sentences from the participants, if the researcher finds the request agreeable. "Cute," compared to, "wow, the Moon Rabbit looks so cute. I feel talking with her is so easy." (For example.)

Declarations

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.