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PART 1: Review Comments

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Is the manuscript important for the scientific community? Please write a few sentences explaining your answer	Yes, it can be important. However, the research needs to be strengthened.	
Is the title of the article suitable? Do you have any alternative Title in your mind?	The title can be changed to this: Student engagement in the online learning environment during the COVID-19 pandemic	
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? If your answer is No, please provide suggestions	No, the abstract is not comprehensive. The researcher has not identified the research methodology used for this study. The key words should be: student engagement, online classroom environment, e-learning and COVID-19 pandemic	
Do you think the English quality of the article is suitable for scholarly communications? If your answer is No, please provide suggestions	The English quality is fair, but in need of improvement. The researcher needs to identify paragraphs.	
Please provide your comments regarding the appropriateness of different sections of the manuscript.	The sections are appropriate. However, these changes need to be made. Page 2, line 8 should read: establishing online learning platforms became more popular Page 2, line 12 should read: The government ordered the closure of all Literature Review: Page 3, the first sentence is not clear and should read: "several studies have been conducted in other countries to understand student engagement, their perceptions and the effectiveness of changes from traditional systems modes." Remove this part – during the COVID-19 pandemic. Page 3 is one long paragraph; the content should be divided into paragraphs. A Student Engagement: the definitions of student engagement are not sufficient. This is the gist of the study and more updated definitions are needed. Also, factors that influence student engagement should be addressed; how can student engagement be encouraged and fostered? Why is student engagement especially necessary in the online environment? Methodology: too much focus on the various programmes of study and not enough on	

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	<p>what type of study is being conducted. How was the sample chosen? Who developed the questionnaire?</p> <p>Figure 1: page 7: the first variable: “the move” to distance learning. Page 12, line 1: Accordingly, 51% of students agreed that “the move” to distance learning was a learning exercise for them Line 8: participated “in” online discussions regularly Line 9: In an online course, the risk of students feeling isolated is of “great” concern. Line 19: These findings are greatly important in decision-making in future platforms when face-to-face instructions and feedback “are” disturbed in some cases.</p> <p>Page 13, line 4: The most common methods with their teachers are sending e-mails and “asking” questions online during the session. Line 7: Especially (not specially) during the COVID-19 pandemic, students “did not receive” the opportunities Line 10: In that sense, “the” majority of students agreed with the idea of collaborative group learning activities which “help” to build a sense of community. In addition online projects “provide” learning activities that help to build a sense of community while only 7% disagreed with that.</p> <p>Page 14, line 2: In addition, those who performed well in online education. Page 16, line 6 (under Figure 6): The majority of students in related curricula mentioned that conducting online examinations contributed to stress reduction and anxiety.</p>	
<p>Do you think that the references in the manuscript are proper, recent and sufficient? If you have any suggestions, please write here.</p>	<p>Most of the references are dated; more recent citations should be used. Let the majority of references be from 2020- 2024.</p>	

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