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| **PART 1: Comments** |
|  | **Reviewer’s comment****Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated or assisted review comments are strictly prohibited during peer review.** | **Author’s Feedback** *(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)* |
| **Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.** | The evolving landscape of pre-service teachers needs to be explored, especially regarding their online learning competence. It is commendable that the author/s explored this topic and pointed out critical areas in the findings. The study is valuable to the scientific community as it provides several insights for educators, policymakers, and managers of educational institutions on how they can devise programs and activities to enhance the readiness of teachers in the flexible learning environment, considering that most schools globally are adapting to this emerging trend in the delivery of instruction. Also, this study can be of help to the enhancement of policies and curricula guiding educational institutions in refining their flexible learning programs to ensure that they are equitable and effective, taking into consideration the disparities that affect students’ education experiences, such as the availability of the technology, internet connectivity, and online engagement as these were highlighted onthe findings of the study. Generally, the study contributes to the ongoing discussion about better implementing flexible learning globally. |  |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?****(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | The title is well-written; it directly provides readers with ideas about the study, considering that the pandemic has already ended, based on the report released by the World Health Organization. |  |
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| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention****them in the review form.** | The paper cites 2 authors who are not on the reference list, such as DMI (2018) and Fosnot (1996). |  |
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