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| **PART 1: Comments** | | |
|  | **Reviewer’s comment**   1. **It is suggested that an additional section be used to emphasise the limitations of the existing work.** 2. **It is suggested to clarify whether changes in the external environment affect the effectiveness of the model.**   **The article does not adequately discuss the impact of environmental factors (e.g. lighting, background noise, camera quality, etc.) on the accuracy of facial expression recognition and eye tracking. In real online learning environments, differences in students' devices and network environments can significantly affect the performance of the model.**  **It is suggested to add this part accordingly.**   1. **It is recommended that an additional section be used to introduce how the related work will be extended and optimised in the future, i.e. future research directions:**   **Further refinement of emotional states: Currently, the article adopts five emotional states (anger, happiness, neutrality, sadness and surprise), but learners may also experience more subtle emotional changes such as anxiety, confusion or curiosity in online learning. In the future, more refined affective states may be considered for inclusion in the assessment to more accurately reflect learners' psychological changes.** | **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.** | **INNOVATIVE: This manuscript proposes a deep learning-based multimodal approach to assess learner engagement in online learning environments, combining techniques such as facial expression recognition, eye movement tracking, and eye opening and closing analysis. This approach provides a new and powerful tool for the field of online education to objectively assess learner engagement.**  **Practicality: one of the major challenges currently facing online learning is how to effectively measure learner engagement, especially in virtual environments where there is no direct interaction. The authors' proposed method helps to fill this gap and promotes the progress of online learning assessment methods by introducing new assessment tools.**  **REFERENCE VALUE: The methodology in this paper not only provides a valuable reference for academic research, but also has a wide range of potential applications for the enhancement of educational practices and personalized learning, which can help teachers better understand and improve learner engagement, and thus enhance teaching and learning effectiveness.** | **Thanks** |
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