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Paper Title: Effectiveness of Tablet Learning in Online Courses at University of the South Pacific

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Reviewer # 1
The paper investigates the use of handheld devices (tablets) to support students’ learning at University of South Pacific. The paper is well written and easy to follow. The authors provide a good argument on the use of technology, in particular internet and mobile devices, as learning tools that engage students and help them access the course material anywhere, anytime.

It seems that the University of the South Pacific did a good job getting students to consider distance learning where it distributed around 600 tablets to their students in 2013. The authors did a good job on collecting data for this study as they considered a longitudinal study for seven weeks, used pre- and post-questionnaires and conducted semi-structured interviews. The authors also did a good job analyzing the data they collected from the performed study. The only problem, which the authors also acknowledged in their paper is the small sample size used in the study.

The paper needs a final revision to fix some format and grammar flaws, such as “in page 5: … at gender level” should be “… at gender level. The high cost of the ipads”.

Although the authors present, as it seems from the paper, a new trend in the way students study in the University of South Pacific, the study didn’t really provide new insights into the use of mobile devices in students learning. So the paper is not really original from that perspective. The reviewer also thinks that the paper might fit better in an educational conference with a focus on the use of technology in education.

Reviewer # 2

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Error- the word “Abstract” should be in italic

Error- Line spacing

Error- Author has used “Figure” in the context instead of “Fig”

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