

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: **IJAR-52392**

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Title: **A Systematic Literature Review on the Use of Nearpod for Interactive Learning**

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

✓ **Accept after minor revision.....**

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity			✓	
Significance	✓			

Reviewer Name: Dr **ANAM ZEHRA**

Date: **20/06/2025**

Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

This manuscript delivers a rigorous, PRISMA-guided synthesis of research on Nearpod's application in interactive learning over the past decade. Its bibliometric analyses and thematic mapping offer valuable insight into publication trends, collaborative networks, and pedagogical focus. With detailed clarification of search parameters and minor enhancements to data presentation, this review will serve as a definitive reference for educators and researchers exploring technology-mediated engagement. I **recommend Acceptance after minor revision.**

Detailed Reviewer's Report

Strengths

1. Methodological Rigor

Adheres closely to PRISMA protocols, clearly delineating identification, screening, eligibility, and inclusion stages, which enhances transparency and reproducibility.

2. Comprehensive Bibliometric Analysis

Employs VOSviewer to generate co-authorship, keyword co-occurrence, and thematic cluster maps, offering a nuanced view of research networks and evolving topics.

3. Balanced Synthesis of Findings

Integrates quantitative trends (publication growth, citation counts) with qualitative insights (pedagogical benefits, implementation challenges), delivering a holistic picture.

4. Practical Implications

Draws actionable lessons for practitioners such as best practices for infrastructure deployment and instructor training that can directly inform policy and classroom design.

5. Well-Grounded Conclusions

Links bibliometric findings to actionable directions for future research and practice.

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Weaknesses

1. Clarify Search Parameters

Include a detailed description of the databases searched, complete search strings, date ranges, and any language or document-type filters applied (e.g., “education,” “Nearpod,” 2015–2025) to strengthen reproducibility.

2. Contextualize Publication Trends

Elaborate on the observed decline in early-2025 publications distinguishing between data collection cut-off effects versus genuine shifts in scholarly interest to avoid misinterpretation of trends.

3. Enhance Thematic Depth

Expand discussion of underrepresented topics such as learner accessibility, equity considerations for diverse populations, and comparative efficacy across different subject domains to provide a more comprehensive synthesis.

4. Use Consistent Tables and Figures

Use the same number format and header style in all tables, and add short captions to each figure that explain what each VOS viewer cluster represents.

5. Citation Uniformity

Verify that every in-text citation and reference entry follow a single, consistent APA 7 format, with uniform order, punctuation, and capitalization.