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Discretionary Revisions:

I would have appreciated some more detail around the actual content of the courses described; the wording is a little vague for my liking ("a portion of Course 5" and "a portion of Course 7"). Were the students taught a small percentage of the course, or the majority of it, at the distributed site? This is not clear to me, and I am interested to know whether the proportion of the course delivered was more significant than I am envisaging. A brief description of the course content, and more detail on what the actual amount ("X number of hours...") would clarify this for me.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests