Reviewer's report

Title: Experiences of using an interactive audience response system in lectures

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General

This is a well written paper which describes clearly the approach to interactive lecturing and the methods of investigation and analysis. The review is apposite and the paper should be of interest to researchers and teachers concerned with ways of involving students in lectures.

The main weakness is in the use of chi-square which, as the authors know, is not entirely appropriate.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

P3 It has been suggested would be better than It was estimated….
(MCLaughlin’s evidence base for this statement is weak.)

P3 Suggest inclusion of Bligh after ‘Lecturing is not a good approach…

P5 Suggest ‘it is easy to ask questions’ rather than make questions

Minor Compulsory Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

P5 First sentence. Amend to read ‘However, because of these arrangements, it was necessary to use the chi square test which was not entirely appropriate. Hence these results should be treated with caution.’

What next?: Accept after minor compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

None