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I personally like that idea of finding new approaches to change attitudes towards older adults, I find the use of this age-simulation suit to be very innovative.

Nevertheless, I do have some comments on the manuscript.

First, in the background section is worth mentioning that not only there is a lack of geriatric medicine in the health professions but there is also ageism instructed by society and families. Students and professionals already have a stereotype in their heads of older adults. So, these sensory difficulties are seen as normal and not something that can diminish older adults' quality of life.

In the discussion section it would be advisable to give a hypothesis to why the participants were impacted in both knowledge and feelings. Many participants were familiar with age-related changes so they knew what to expect, after the use of the suit they learned how that change makes them feel. Also, it should be stated as a limitation that participants were all working in a geriatrics or gerontology area, that means that they all had some positive attitudes towards older adults and knowledge about what to expect.

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