Interactive comment on "A Flexible, Open and Interactive Digital Platform to Support Online and Blended Experiential Learning Environments: Thinglink and thin sections" *by* Adam J. Jeffery et al.

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Review of Jeffery et al digital learning paper:

Firstly I would commend the authors on the paper, certainly with the current situation any chance to enhance student learning is to be commended.

I have made specific comments on an annotated PDF, general ones are below:

1) The introduction is well written, gives the rationale, but probably a paragraph needs

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to be added on other virtual efforts to complement traditional teching resources, see annotated PDF. 2) The paper aim/objectives also need to be clearer and in one place, see notes on PDF. I also note different ones are presented as discussion points (4) in the discussion, these seem clearer to me than then ones you gave in the introduction? Worth a rejig I think. 3) L180-196 – you describe in the text how you generate the resource in Thinglink, Im wondering if a summary table/workflow may be of use/interest to the reader? I think that would be more useful than Fig3 which is self-explanatory. 4) For section 4 – the questionnaire results are already summarised as a multiple pie chart figure, I would try and condense the descriptive text down on this somewhat. 5) In the discussion, useful to discuss the overarching themes, so may want to adjust aims to reflect these? 6) Conclusions are good but seems to be missing a paragraph on study limitations? 7) Fig1 scales need to be bigger (I cant read them) 8) Fig5 example for next iteration looks very impressive! 9) I like the Table 1 listing users feedback also

Please also note the supplement to this comment:
https://gc.copernicus.org/preprints/gc-2020-45/gc-2020-45-RC1-supplement.pdf

Interactive comment on Geosci. Commun. Discuss., https://doi.org/10.5194/gc-2020-45, 2020.