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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Natalie G Wall et al. reviewed the development and application of programs and apps hosted on iPads or mobile phones in helping ASD patients and researchers. I think the manuscript is in high-quality.   But one major concern should be resolved. The E-technology support programs reviewed in the manuscript should be separated into two kinds: intervention technique for ASD patients ('DEFINING CHARACTERISTICS OF AUTISM' part and 'BUILDING SOCIAL COMMUNCATION SKILLS' part), and technique for Researchers ('EYE-TRACKING AND EXPRESSION RECOGNITION' part and 'EVENT RELATED POTENTIALS AND EXPRESSION RECOGNITION' part). So this meaning should be more clearly displayed in the manuscript: the Eye-tracking technique and electroencephalography could help design, evaluate, and screen suitable programs to help ASD children build skills in understanding facial expressions.   In addition, some reference number is wrong. For example, 'a review by Hong, Gong, Ninci, Morin, Davis, Kawaminami, Shi, Noro [27] found that', this reference is 28. 'Lee, Lam, Tsang, Yuen, Ng [36] ' should be 37. Please check all the references and correct them.