Reviewer's report

Title: Physical rehabilitation interventions for adult patients with critical illness across the continuum of recovery: an overview of systematic reviews protocol

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Minor/discretionary revisions
1. Background: paragraph 2, line 2
   - I think it should read delivery, not delivered?

2. Limitations
   - I think a section on the limitations of your design would be helpful. My biggest concern is that, as you have identified in the background, most available reviews report on in-ICU interventions, thus you may be unable to address some of your objectives eg. objective 1. I think you need to state this. Also, only reviewing systematic reviews means you will ignore any primary studies conducted since the last review and thus your findings may omit any newer evidence. Will you discuss your findings with reference to any current primary studies to address this

3. Types of participants
   - you need to define your criteria for short stay post op management

4. Outcomes
   - do you need to specify a minimum follow up period that is acceptable eg at least one follow up post ICU discharge

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'