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Dear Drs. Lancaster and Thabane,

Thank you for sharing the reviewers’ feedback, we are delighted about your continued interest in our paper. We refined our report based on reviewers’ feedback. Please find reviewers’ comments and our corresponding responses below. Each reviewer’s comment is preceded by a number (e.g., R1C1) and response (R1A1).

Reviewer 1:

General comments:

R1C1: Thank you very much for the revised manuscript. The text improved and became a very fine work. My congratulations!

Thank you very much.

R1A1: Thank you for reviewing our manuscript again and thanks for your supportive comments.

Reviewer 2: There were no comments from Reviewer 2.
Reviewer 3:

Minor comments

R3C1: Page 9, line 1: we calculated descriptive statistics of continuous variables "and" means and standard deviations……..

Replace "and: with such as

R3A1: Please see track changes for this revision.

R3C2: Page 9, line 8: Alpha for all analyses…..

Replace "Alpha" with "The threshold for statistical significance, alpha was set at"…..

R3A2: Please see track changes for revised text.

R3C3: In the results, do not double round brackets (()), instead change the type of bracket: ([])

R3A3: Please see track changes throughout the results section for these changes.

R3A4: Table 2 and corresponding text are not consistent. In the text the findings are presented as % and one would assume a categorical comparison such as a chi square test. In table 2 the data is presented as medians. Are these the median of a percentage? If so the % should be added to the table.

R3C4: Thank you for highlighting the opportunity to make this more clear. The title of Table 2 indicates we are reporting proportional scores, however, for clarity, we added “%” to the table.

R3A5: Thank you for submitting the CONSORT extension for a pilot study. Wouldn't it be more appropriate to report the CHERRIES checklist instead? The results of the pilot are reported elsewhere.

R3C5: The CHERRIES checklist has now been uploaded for this submission.

Thank you for the opportunity to address these additional revisions and to resubmit our work. We look forward to a favourable response regarding our revised manuscript.

Kind regards,

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