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Dear Drs. Thabane and Lancaster,

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. The reviewer’s comments are preceded by a number (e.g., R1C1) and response (R1A1).

Reviewer Comments:

R1C1: The title needs to reflect that the paper is about addressing barriers and facilitators to implementation of a pilot trial (ie. CYCLE Pilot RCT). Otherwise, the relevance of the paper to PAFS is not easy to see from the title.

R1A1: Thank you for highlighting this opportunity to make our title more explicit. We have changed the title to the following: Therapist Perceptions of a Rehabilitation Research Study in the Intensive Care Unit: A Trinational Survey Assessing Barriers and Facilitators to Implementing the CYCLE Pilot Randomized Clinical Trial.
R1C2: Please delete any reporting of p-values and their reference in the abstract and main text. The study was not designed to address statistical significance and also there is major risk of multiple testing. It is sufficient to report estimates and corresponding 95% CIs.

R1A2: Please see track changes in the abstract, methods, and results sections for these changes. Please also see the addition of 95% CIs where applicable.

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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