Dear Editor,

Therapist Perceptions of Implementing a Novel Rehabilitation Research Study in the Intensive Care Unit: A Tri-national Survey

Thanks for the opportunity to review this paper. I agree with the authors that limited information is available in the literature about the perceptions of ICU therapists to engage in clinical research.

General comments

For the study, the authors developed 115 itemed electronic survey using knowledge translation models, which are the Capability-Opportunity-Motivation-Behaviour and The Theoretical Framework. Survey development and item generation was stated in detail. The authors reached forty-five respondents. Motivation and the time were interpreted to be the important barriers to engage research from the perspective of ICU therapists. Tables, figures, and limitations very well described.

Specific comment

My unique suggestion for the paper would be more comprehensive explanation of the possible solutions to overcome the barriers to enable the research engagement of the ICU therapists. This can be stated in the page 17, after line 3. I believe such kind of statement would be guiding for the future research, since there is limited evidence on this aspect.
Overall comment: Acceptable

This study seemed to me a hard work and I appreciate the idea of the authors about this topic. The manuscript was very well written, good enough to convey the scientific meaning adequately. The data was supported with the supplementary files in detail. I think the manuscript is acceptable for publication.

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