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Dear Editor,

Turkish Thoracic Journal published an interesting and well needed research article in 2019 by Cakmak A et al entitled “Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Implementation in Intensive Care Units: A survey Study.”[1] We have read the article and found to be interesting and also gathered knowledge. No doubt, this article is informative and help Physiotherapists working in ICU to implement chest physiotherapy effectively. We noticed some overlooked portions in this research article which can be consider for clarification from the author.

Firstly the key ward “Intensive Care Unit” used in the abstract of the paper is repeated from the title, which can be replaced with ICU, Critical Care, as repetition of key wards from title will produce key ward stuffing. More unique key wards can be added like Chest Physiotherapy, Respiratory therapy, Critical care Physiotherapy etc.

Secondly the researcher mentioned electronic survey but did not specifically mention the mode of electronic communication such as through emails or any social media. We are not getting any idea about how the questions are being formed whether they have used any Google form or a survey software was used.

Thirdly there is no information about validity of the survey questionnaire used in this study. As the questions of the questionnaire is formed by the researchers of this study the content validation and face validation is very important before to use it in the survey.

Lastly in the statistical analysis part researchers mentioned about probability value as < 0.05 but they did not mention about any statistical tool for what it has been used. In the table 1 the heading is indicating Mean ± SD, but in the same table under this heading some data’s are represented as counts and percentage, therefore, it’s better to use two separate table to represent the result. The inter ratter reliability between two independent assessor is given but they have not mentioned about any statistical tool that had used to check the same and also there is to separate table of the reliability data. Researchers also has not mention about internal consistency of the same, which is very important part of a reliability testing.

The researchers very well report the findings of the study but highlighting on the above issues will make it more acceptable and stronger.

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