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Dear editor,

We thank Mousumi Saha, and Subhasish Chatterjee for their insightful comments and constructive suggestions.

The study was aimed to determine the characteristics of physiotherapy practice and critical barriers toward applying physiotherapy in intensive care units. Since the purpose was the collecting information about physiotherapy applications with the perspective of the physiotherapists who work in intensive care units, "intensive care units" was an appropriate word to use as a keyword. Since the study has been already published, and critical care and intensive care could be used interchangeably, we could not change the keyword at this time.

That the survey was electronically sent to potential participants through Turkish Physiotherapy Association network was stated in the methods section meaning that the survey was e-mailed to potential participants, to physiotherapists, whose e-mail exist in the database of Turkish Physiotherapy Association.

We used a survey to collect information about the practice. It is not psychometrically validated since it was not a scale or questionnaire. It is a common approach to collect information if face to face semi-structured interview is not possible or preferred due to geographical difficulties.

As mentioned in Statistical Analysis of the manuscript descriptive statistics (Mean±SD, frequencies, and percentages) were calculated. For the analysis of the open-ended questions two independent assessors analyzed the responses for the content analysis, the results were clustered and the themes were produced. Inter-rater reliability of the coders was 0.90.

Sincerely,