***Revision note***

**Towards integration of service user knowledge in mental healthcare in low and middle-income countries: insights from Transition Theory.**

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Dear editor,

Please find enclosed the revised manuscript. We would like to thank the reviewer for the kind words, constructive feedback and useful suggestions for improvements. Below, we indicate how we have dealt with the reviewer’s comments. We hope the issues raised by the reviewer are considered to be appropriately addressed.

1. *“In general, interesting and well- structured paper. Some sentences could, however, be shortened and simplified (in paper some have been marked) to ease reading. Also, a language check would be helpful (some corrections already in paper)”*

We understand that some sentences need to be shortened, simplified and corrected. All corrections were accepted and adaptations where made where suggested, including some additional changes.

1. *Consider inserting a (two) table (s) comparing the facilitating and hampering themes, and the current with the envisioned transition pathways (per level)*

We think this is a useful suggestion and inserted a table specifying the identified facilitating and hampering themes related to structure, culture and practice.

1. *Also, explain the three niche level mechanisms, how these relate etc (see comments in paper)*

We have added some explanations based on the comments in the paper.

1. *Consider limiting the number of references (guideline is <25)*

We were able to take out some of the references. The remaining number of references still exceeds the guideline. However, we think that further reduction of reference would weaken the arguments made in the papers, as this largely based on the existing literature.

1. *More detailed comments and queries in track-change in paper.*

We dealt with the comments and queries indicated in track-changes.