Reviewer's report

Title: Pain, power and patience - a narrative study of general practitioners' relations with chronic pain patients

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Thanks for the manuscript. I have some minor remarks, but I now think the paper is acceptable for publication (after minor revisions):

1. In abstract: "....students, but also in CPD Continuing Professional Development" – omit CPD!
2. "....the patient doctor relationship,. how doctors experience these" – omit dot
3. "....and what happens in consultation with them" - consultations with them..?
4. "....The results emphasize consultations skills" - consultation skills as
5. "....skills for medical students, but also in CPD (Continuing Professional Development groups)" - skills for medical students, but also in Continuing Professional Development groups (CPD)
6. ....Add to List of abbreviations: CPD

And also for your own decision: In abstract it is said: "......was to understand and illustrate what physicians experience in ...

( and also in background (last para) "The aim of this study was to understand and illustrate what physicians experience in contact with chronic pain patients and what works and does not work in these consultations.")

Can this be generalized to physicians- or should it be GPs?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests