Reviewer's report

Title: Fighting for control in an unpredictable life - a qualitative study of older persons’ experiences of living with chronic dizziness.

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Reviewer: Hans Thulesius

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As I have a conflict of interest being a good friend of author 4, Patrik Midlöv, my suggestions are not impartial.

However I honestly find the ms interesting to read and the results make sense and resonate with my clinical experience being a GP seeing many dizzy patients.

Also, being familiar with a lot of QDA's (Qualitative Data Analysis) papers I recognize the ms as being of a good enough quality to warrant a publication.

Yet, I do have one suggestion and that is to discuss the QDA literature on controlling and add a paragraph on how this study compares with the rest of the Controlling literature - not only for patients with dizziness.

To try to control a chronic condition is so general and the literature correspondingly rich.

So, how does Fighting for control of dizziness compare with fighting for control of diabetes or asthma etc?

It would thus be scholarly interesting to do a small literature review on the Control literature.

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:

See above