Reviewer's report

Title: Experiencing and controlling time in everyday life with chronic widespread pain: a qualitative study

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General
This is an interesting paper that has the potential to contribute to our knowledge, however further work is required before it can be considered publishable

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

The methods section is very scant.
When was the study undertaken, when were data generated and over what period of time?
Why eight participants? How were the participants selected?
Why interviews on 3 occasions? what questions were asked? where were interviews undertaken? How were the different data sets analysed? How did interviews build upon each other?
How were the literature gathered? Why the citing of the selected references when there is a considerable body of literature on chronic pain?
What were the limitations of the study?
What are the implications for health services/practice?
What are the recommendations for further research?

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Consider including questions in a table if space is a concern

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Reject because too small an advance to publish

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests
**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**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