Reviewer's report

Title: Treatment seeking behaviour in southern Chinese elders with chronic orofacial pain: A qualitative study

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Major compulsory revisions (numbered according to the reviewers list):
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described?
More information on selection of participants (in focus groups and for interviews) is needed.
3. Are the data sound?
Is transcript of recordings and analysis (coding and indexing) done by one, or more persons? What is the interobserver agreement score (kappa). No information available in the present paper. Who made the diagnosis (‘OFP without any dental relation’)?
4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
Some more information on coding and indexing is necessary to understand what the authors have done with the results from the interviews. The present paper does not give any information about the procedure used.
5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
A very long discussion, maybe too much attention is being spent on ACM. The authors may consider shortening the discussion.
6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated?
In discussion section, more attention should be given to the representativeness of the findings. It no seems that oral health care is not a topic in this study.

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'