Reviewer's report

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

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The paper has improved considerably. The authors responded to all my items. Some weakness still remains in the validity of coding. As the authors answer, coding was done by 1 researcher, and checked by another researcher. I assume my remarks related to this item, the ‘inter-coder reliability’ (kappa) were misunderstood. I am still the opinion that coding should better have done by 2 persons, as the results are dependent of the coding. However, as this is the first study in Hong Kong on this topic, using a convenience sample, the results are just an indication of a possible problem, and this might perform a good starting point for a study with a larger sample. Accepting this weakness, I could support publication of this study, after some language editing.

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