Reviewer's report

Title: How professional' practice style and characteristics of home exercise program for chronic pain patients affect their adherence: a qualitative study

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Reviewer: Anne Dewar

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

I believe that this manuscript should be published but the authors need to undertake some improvements. It needs some major editing. I have made some comments and suggestions but more work is required.

1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined? The question is well defined. It is an interesting question and the authors have addressed it.

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described? The methods section needs some development. The description of the data analysis is quite thorough.

3. Are the data sound? Yes

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? Yes.

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? Some more development is needed in this area and I have made reference to some areas that require more work.

6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated? Yes

7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished? Yes, although theories are mentioned in the discussion and little reference is supplied about the theoretical basis of the study.

8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? Yes

9. Is the writing acceptable? No, unfortunately it needs careful editing.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited
**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.