Reviewer’s report

Title: Exploring the experience of chronic pain among female Survival Sex Workers: a qualitative study

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Reviewer: Ann Berger

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This is innovative work in that understanding what this marginalized population is going thru is very important. In the methods section I would describe how coding was done-example was nvivo used? For those not familiar with qualitative analysis this is important to understand how the themes and subthemes were seen. Explain what saturation is for those who do not know qualitative analysis. It appears that there were 13 people who consented, two did not come so 11 transcripts were reviewed but then it was noted that two were psychotic. Were these two individuals part of the eleven being evaluated? It was indicated that psychosis was an exclusion criteria.

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