Reviewer’s report

Title: How school nurses experience and understand everyday pain among adolescents

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I commend the authors on a nicely designed and executed study of a quite interesting topic. The information gathered supports the importance of the psychosocial component of pain (i.e. being a subjective experience) while also demonstrating that despite this understanding, school nurses feel compelled to seek out a physical (biologic) diagnosis for adolescents' pain to ensure they don't "miss" something.

Specific comments/suggestions:

Abstract:

Results section, 2nd and 3rd sentences - a bit too vague, please expand the description a bit

Background:

2nd paragraph, last sentence - clarify that it is more time with visual media that increases the incidence and that in the study referenced this was only seen in girls

3rd paragraph, 3rd sentence - "This further implies the ...", sentence is confusing, needs to be reworded, e.g. what is the "this"

Results:

1st paragraph, last sentence - "Nevertheless it was underlined the adolescents pain was real for the adolescents, them, and ..."; beginning part of sentence confusing, please reword; clarify who is meant by "them".

Everyday pain: reflecting high expectations section, paragraph 4 and 5 - it seems that these two paragraphs might better fit into the "difficult relationship" section as they discuss issues similar to the present last paragraph there now; if desire to keep in this section then need to clarify/add information to better describe how the points represent "high expectations"
Everyday pain: reflecting an unhealthy lifestyle section, 2nd paragraph, 5th and 6th sentence - "They also postulated that adolescent pain was ... offered them to their children.", seems that these would be better placed in the "difficult relationship" section; if desire to keep here then make this its own paragraph and clarify/expand on how this represents an "unhealthy lifestyle"

General suggestion:

Would strongly consider making a Table that lists the 3 groups/categories for the etiology of everyday pain and then generate/list subcategories underneath each as a quick visual summary

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