Reviewer’s report

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

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Reviewer: Cliff Richardson

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Thank you for submitting this interesting study on school nurses and their perception of pain in adolescents. I believe that it will be of interest to the readers of this journal. The study is generally adequately described and you have highlighted the appropriate weaknesses although you could have highlighted more robustly that focus groups of small size can have additional weaknesses when compared to those of larger size. Here are some general comments to help you to improve the manuscript.

1. Abstract. Results - this could be written differently to get your message across better. Currently I am unsure of what you are trying to say.

2. Background P4 line 92 onwards for that paragraph. Once again I am unsure what you are trying to say here so I suggest it is re worded to help the reader to understand

3. Results p8 theme 1 everyday pain: reflecting high expectation. I believe that this would be better placed after the second theme as currently it uses assumption and hearsay which would be corroborated by the second theme (everyday pain: reflecting difficult relationships...) theme and so should follow it. This would significantly help the flow and help the no pain specialists to fully appreciate the psychosocial links.

I wish you well with your future work

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