Reviewer’s report

Title: Lived experience and attitudes of people with plantar heel pain: a qualitative exploration

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Reviewer: Andrea Graham

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Thank you to the authors for this clearly well written and conceptualized article, which I believe is of importance to the understanding and development of future foot health education development and provision in respect of plantar heel pain. I would kindly ask the authors if they would consider the following minor suggestions:

Page 6 - Data Collection section: is it possible for the authors to provide some clarification about why the literature on OA and hip/knee replacement was used to develop the Interview Topic Guide? is this because of a lack of literature about Heel Pain education provision or what is used within Health Care currently elsewhere?

Page 7 - Data Analysis section: could the authors clarify the purpose of extracting 'interesting quotes' from the transcribed interviews - my assumption is that they were used to demonstrate the 'truthfulness' and thus rigor of the data and thematic analysis?

Page 19 - Discussion section: in relation to the discussion on the provision of health education about plantar heel pain - how does this fit with current research literature about foot health education provision and delivery in other conditions/diseases e.g: diabetes/ Inflammatory arthritis / other MSK foot and ankle pathology - does the research in those areas suggest a similar approach? (i'd say it does most likely - and thus, the findings of this study would strongly align and help to strengthen the overall evidence base about how we should be looking to develop and approach the delivery of foot health education generally).

Thank you again for the submission of this work and your consideration of the above suggested revisions.

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