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Dear Sondos

Thank you for your suggestions. I have completed each of these (detailed below).

1. Thank you for amending table 1 to show age as age-ranges, however please also provide as age-ranges for the quotes in additional files 2 and 3 as the current information can be potentially identifying.

Thank you for identifying this oversight. I have amended these additional files to include the same age and pain duration ranges as Table 1.
2. Thank you for including a data availability statement. This statement should detail the location of the raw data underlying the conclusions made in this study. We note that only summarized data is presented in this manuscript, so we would like to ask that you amend this statement by stating who can be contacted to request the raw data. If there are any ethics restrictions preventing the sharing of the raw data, please state this. If you do not wish to share the data, please include a reason why it will not be shared in this section.

These data are not available for sharing as they contain information that could be used to identify participants. I have amended the statement to read:

The raw data underlying the conclusions made in this study will be held securely in the Department of Primary Health Care and General Practice at the University of Otago, Wellington for ten years. These qualitative recordings and transcripts are not available for sharing as these contain information that could be used to identify participants.

3. At this stage, please upload your manuscript as a single, final, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours. All relevant tables/figures/additional files should also be clean versions. Figures (and additional files) should remain uploaded as separate files.

I have uploaded a clean file.

Yours sincerely

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