

Review of: "Does Anger Management Among Prisoners Work? — A Review of Recent Meta-Analyses"

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The paper is very interesting and useful for further research and debates. The paper consists of relevant and recent research data, providing an insight into aggressive behavior as a multidimensional construct, with emphasis on social factors. This paper should be accepted for publication after minor suggestions as a preliminary communication. The reviewer does not require additional insight into the paper.

Minor suggestions:

1. In the abstract section: The first sentence, "Anger is a complex emotion that can motivate individuals to commit a crime," - it would be better if the sentence is, "Anger is a complex emotion that can motivate individuals to act both proactively and to commit a crime." This suggestion is based upon the text body where the author suggests that anger could be a self-advocacy factor. The paper is very interesting; thus, the overall conclusion in the abstract section should be included: after the sentence "Does anger management among prisoners really work?" is one sentence to be added (e.g., "the results can be useful for...", "the results show that...", or "the results can be used for...")
2. In the introduction section: in the sentence "Even the education industry had to be shifted online...", please delete the word "industry" after "education" - education is not an industry. On page 2, the sentence "No matter what the perspective is, the end result of anger is by and large catastrophic, leading to the destruction of oneself as well as others." please rearrange the sentence to "No matter what the perspective is, the end result of anger could lead to the destruction of oneself as well as others." - this is needed due to the critical component of the article.
3. Research gap section: Add at the end of this section or insert one or two sentences about the social context (e.g., violence can be a part of (sub)culture of the offender) or the presence/lack of quality post-penal support in the offender's proximal surrounding. This is an important issue - the majority of offenders are lacking post-penal support and facing lots of problems (e.g., family problems, unemployment, poverty, lack of steady incomes, lack of adequate housing i.e., homeless...) which can be triggers to anger. Therefore, adequate social support is needed also.