

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

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## Abstract Section Feedback:

I recommend that you improve the abstract by focusing on the comments below:

1. The opening statement is weak and should be accompanied by a strong supporting statement on the consequential/circumstantial implications of lack of anger management/manifestation of anger/extreme emotions.
2. The tone could also be improved.
3. What were some of your findings from the meta-analysis?
4. Of what significance is this review?
5. What methodology and criteria for literature selection did you use?

## Introduction Section Feedback:

**The introduction has presented the contrasting nature/effects of anger as an emotion and the dynamics surrounding its management. To improve it:**

- The COVID-19 issue is relevant, though it seems far-fetched for a narrative hook/top sentence in the introduction setting. I recommend that you find something more compelling within anger management, crime data, correctional service reports (both qualitative and quantitative), mental health, etc.
- Grammatically, "to name a few" is more conversational; this has been used in the introduction section. Consider a different format of listing/use among others/other preferred terminologies/phrases.
- Consider starting the introduction with a firm narrative hook.

## Literature Review

The theoretical review section is evident, and the literature review is well done. However, more sources, including an additional 1 or 2 studies in the local and sub-regional context, would enhance the relevance.

The research gap has been clearly outlined.

**Methodology Feedback:**

- The methodology needs to be appropriately justified, beyond the citation. This could have been avoided if the research objectives were glaringly stated within the study and in the abstract.

**Results and Discussion:**

- The study findings are clearly articulated, though they can hardly be linked back to the objectives because the objectives were not stated.

**Overall Feedback:**

Thank you for the review of the key issues on anger management in the reviewed papers. The topic is appropriate. The key arguments under discussion of findings should be anchored in more local and sub-regional contexts.

Create a clear section for the objectives.

What is the implication of the meta-analysis? What are your recommendations - to whom/which groups?

Overall, the article is simply written and easy to understand.

**Citation and References:**

The references are relevant.