

Review of: "The Effectiveness of Prison Education in Reducing Criminal Recidivism: A Systematic Review"

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The relevance of Prison Education in reducing recidivism is indeed a topic to be addressed. This review could be a notable addition to the knowledge in this area.

When there is an independent 'Conclusions' section, the final portion of the 'Discussion' section (which starts with "In conclusion") looks redundant, especially since the 'Conclusion' section also has the last paragraph starting with the same phrase.

I would have liked to see the conclusions directly relate to the findings from the reviewed studies. The conclusion seems to suggest that prison education has been found to reduce recidivism significantly, but earlier sections of the study tell us that "Most studies do not report significant differences in recidivism rates among inmates who benefited from educational programs during their stay in prison...". Couldn't the conclusion in the present form be somewhat misleading regarding the findings of the review?

Also, inclusion of the PRISMA flow chart could have improved the comprehension of the selection and filtering process.