

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

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The paper I refereed has large room for improvement due to several issues with its methodology and presentation. The author's choice of only 11 texts from an initial sample of 1217 is concerning and suggests an inappropriate choice of keywords or keyword combinations. Additionally, the decision to include non-peer-reviewed theses without specifying if they are PhD theses further muddles the data integrity. With such a small dataset, drawing any meaningful conclusions is dubious at best.

The exposition throughout the paper is riddled with inaccuracies and repetitions, making it difficult to follow the author's train of thought.

To improve the paper, the author should focus on refining the keyword selection process. Furthermore, the study may benefit from including papers from reputable databases like Scopus or Web of Science and enlarging the time horizon considered. Conducting a meta-analysis on a larger sample could strengthen the robustness of the paper findings. Overall, significant revisions are needed to improve the paper's contribution to the literature.