

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

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

### Summary

This is an important topic and study as its findings add to a body of literature in prison studies that may help policy and decision makers in coming up with evidence-based policies to improve prison life.

I have a few comments that I suggest need clarification for everyone reading the paper to understand it easily.

### Methodology

There is a detailed explanation about exclusion criteria, but little is discussed about inclusion criteria. I suggest there should be a balance (add some more information on the inclusion criteria as well).

I suggest it would have been of great clarity to the readers if you could include a PRISMA flow diagram to summarize and show the number of studies in the initial search, duplicates removed, and number of studies selected to be included in the final analysis.

### Conclusion

I suggest that the authors clearly differentiate the discussion from the conclusion. At this stage, the conclusion contains information that is supposed to be part of the discussion. I feel the last paragraph of the conclusion fits well to be a conclusion. The conclusion has to relate to the objectives of the paper.