

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

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The analysis of this field is very significant, interesting, engaging, and deserves to be heard not only by academics but also by the entire population. Along with the integration of incarcerated people, a re-education of the whole society also begins.

So, congrats on choosing this subject!

As well, bravo for using the guidelines proposed in the PRISMA 2020 Declaration and the PICO strategy.

Broadly speaking, it is well written, but if you want to publish this article in prestigious journals, it should bring eloquent improvements.

Some of the statements made require support, more references, and further study. Look for more perspectives.

The effectiveness of prison education in reducing criminal recidivism, or better said, the relationship between prison education and recidivism, depends on various factors, not only on the few programs that were mentioned in the thematic focus, but it is good that you made a point on what was involved in the study.

If the inclusion criteria had been more lenient, the lack of information from the results section would not have been so obvious.

In carrying out a study with actual conclusions, with increased affinity, many more documents must be taken into account. A number of only 10 or 11 (since it was not understood exactly how many were included) cannot provide effective conclusions, even if your research method is qualitative. The area of bibliographic references must be wider. The exclusion criteria were too harsh - why were specialized books and manuals excluded?

In the end, if the analysis was so small, it is normal that the conclusions are not that accurate.

Towards the good, I hope that you will reconsider some chapters and publish the right facts.

Best regards,