Reviewer’s report

Title: Research on the health of people who experience imprisonment in Canada: A scoping review

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Minor Essential Revisions

This paper is of interest to a wide audience and with revisions would be of potential interest to readers. In order for wider application, the paper needs to explain terms that are less frequently used in other prison systems. Terms like federal custody/detention requires some explanation and contextualisation. The first paragraph of the results is unclear and requires re-wording.

The issue of removing duplicates at two points seemed unusual? A flow-chart would help considerably.

It was unclear why qualitative work was disregarded.

Given that wider determinants of health studies were identified as the third most common, it was surprising that more discussion about this was not evident.

I was unclear about what the main arguments were from the paper apart from a call for more research? Can anything else be concluded from this study? Would the inclusion of prisoners’ views in future research priorities be wise?

The absence of a discussion on prisoners’ views regarding research priorities was disappointing in the conclusions.

Typographical errors were very small, but there were one or two in the discussion.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'