Reviewer’s report

Title: Words matter: a call for humanizing and respectful language to describe people who experience incarceration

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Reviewer: Richard Lines

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This is a well written and thought out piece on an important topic.

It reflects the approach to language I have been personally adopting and promoting in my own work for some years, so in that context I welcome an article that makes a more explicit and thought out case for use of non-stigmatizing language.

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