

## Peer Review Report

# Review Report on Relapses in illicit drug use among probationers: Results in a risk group of Public Health Services in Bavaria

Original Article, Int J Public Health

Reviewer: Reviewer 2

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### EVALUATION

**Q 1** Please summarize the main findings of the study.

This study investigated relapses of illicit drug consumption in probation, a special at-risk population.

**Q 2** Please highlight the limitations and strengths.

An important limitation is that the characteristics of the datasets prevent generalizability of the results.

**Q 3** Please provide your detailed review report to the authors. The editors prefer to receive your review structured in major and minor comments. Please consider in your review the methods (statistical methods valid and correctly applied (e.g. sample size, choice of test), is the study replicable based on the method description?), results, data interpretation and references. If there are any objective errors, or if the conclusions are not supported, you should detail your concerns.

The datasets cover the 2006–2019 studies. The results of the following article, which is a current study, will contribute to the discussion. "Substance use profile, treatment compliance, treatment outcomes and related factors in probation: a retrospective file review Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse 2021, VOL. 20, NO. 3, 490–505. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15332640.2020.1808873>"

### PLEASE COMMENT

**Q 4** Is the title appropriate, concise, attractive?

I think the title is appropriate

**Q 5** Are the keywords appropriate?

Yes

**Q 6** Is the English language of sufficient quality?

Yes

**Q 7** Is the quality of the figures and tables satisfactory?

Yes.

**Q 8** Does the reference list cover the relevant literature adequately and in an unbiased manner?)

It has been proposed to be expanded with some recent studies.

**QUALITY ASSESSMENT**

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<b>Q 11</b> ▶ Significance to the field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**REVISION LEVEL**

**Q 15** ▶ Please make a recommendation based on your comments:

Minor revisions.