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This manuscript explores the mental health challenges of incarcerated women, which is an important and timely topic, and has the potential to make an important contribution regarding this issue. However, the paper attempts to take on an ambitiously expansive topic – the challenges and barriers women experience prior to incarceration, during incarceration, and in the reentry process post-incarceration. It also explores clinical and structural interventions both during and after incarceration. While there is a focus on mental health issues, the paper drifts into broader aspects of women's experiences, including housing, general wellness, and employment. Given that the length of the paper is only around 6.5 pages, it is far too brief to comprehensively address this wide range of issues, leaving each of these areas underdeveloped.

The references in this paper are insufficient. There are only 2 proper in-text citations, resulting in many unsubstantiated claims throughout the paper. While these statements may be accurate, they are not supported by evidence. There is a longer list of references at the end of the paper, but since only a couple of these are referenced within the body of the paper, it is unclear whether or how these were integrated.

Given the importance of the topic and the quality of the writing, I am scoring this manuscript at a 3 despite the major problems (described above). I would recommend the author(s) consider narrowing the scope of the paper and doing a deeper exploration of a more specific question within this topic.