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# Necessary Actions of Civil and Judicial Lawyers in Defending Offenders with Mental Disorders in the Legal Systems of Iran and Canada

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## 1. Round 1

### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The opening sentence discussing the distinction between humans and animals could be more directly tied to the legal focus of the article. Consider revising to immediately emphasize the legal implications of mental health in criminal responsibility.

The sentence discussing the jurisdiction of public law courts in Canada is informative but could be better supported by specific examples or case studies.

The comparison between Iranian and Canadian systems lacks quantitative data or examples. Adding statistics on the frequency of such claims in both systems would add depth.

The description of Canada's approach to mental disorder claims would benefit from a comparison to other common law jurisdictions to contextualize its uniqueness.

The explanation of Article 202's first and second notes is dense. Simplify the language or provide a diagram summarizing the key points for better readability.

The statement that civil lawyers in Iran could defend bipolar patients is intriguing but would benefit from further elaboration on the potential challenges and resistance to this change.

Authors revised the manuscript and uploaded the document.

## 1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The sentence "Defendants often invoke mental disorders at the time of the crime..." should clarify whether these claims are more prevalent in specific types of crimes or legal systems.

The research question is well-formulated but could be enhanced by specifying the practical implications of the study's findings for legal practitioners.

The claim about contradictions in administrative regulations rendering legal provisions ineffective lacks specific examples. Adding a case or citation would strengthen this point.

The methodology description could benefit from elaborating on how the authors ensured the reliability and validity of their data collection and analysis processes.

The use of consultations with academic and religious experts is mentioned. Please clarify the criteria for selecting these experts and their role in the research.

The detailed process outlined in this section is thorough but would be clearer with a flowchart illustrating the steps.

The three-day assessment procedure for bipolar disorder in Canada is fascinating but raises ethical concerns about some practices (e.g., using a sexual doll). Address potential ethical critiques.

The dietary regimen described in the final stage is interesting but lacks citation. Provide references to studies supporting these dietary choices.

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## 2. Revised

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