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# The Perception of Justice Among Wrongfully Convicted Individuals: Life After Exoneration

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# 1. Round 1

### 1.1. Reviewer 1

#### Reviewer:

Deepen the discussion by explicitly comparing and contrasting the study's findings with existing literature. Highlight both agreements and discrepancies to underscore the study's unique contributions and to suggest areas for further research.

Provide more detailed justification for the qualitative research design and the choice of semi-structured interviews. Discuss how these methodological choices specifically serve the study's objectives and address potential biases.

Elaborate on the efforts to ensure diversity among participants, including strategies for inclusivity across ethnicity, gender, and the nature of wrongful conviction. Address any limitations in achieving this diversity.

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#### 1.2. Reviewer 2

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Clearly articulate the research questions or objectives at the outset to guide readers through the study's scope and intentions. This clarification will enhance the paper's focus and coherence.

Incorporate a theoretical framework that aligns with the study's focus on justice perceptions among exonerees. This framework will provide a foundation for interpreting the findings and situating the study within broader scholarly debates.

Use direct quotes from interviewees more extensively throughout the findings section to bring the experiences and perceptions of exonerees to the forefront, thereby enriching the narrative and the authenticity of the study's claims.

Connect the study's findings more directly to ongoing discussions and initiatives around legal reform and wrongful convictions. This engagement will highlight the practical implications of the research and its relevance to policy and legal practice.

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# 2. Revised

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