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We feel the submission is suited to a medical ethics journal because: access to high-quality medical care by persons in prisons is a complex bioethical problem worldwide, especially in developing countries. The principle of equal treatment of patients is the most important in bioethics; it does not allow discrimination on any basis, including criminal record. Therefore, scientific research in the direction of compliance with this principle is especially important and consistent with the subject of the journal.---(in up to 100 words)

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