

Peer Review Report

1. Overall Assessment

This manuscript offers an exceptionally detailed, sophisticated, and well-structured comparative legal analysis of criminal liability in cases where individuals, with knowledge of a victim's psychiatric vulnerability, engage in acts (lawful or unlawful) that precipitate that victim's suicide or self-inflicted death. It is highly erudite, meticulously argued, and intellectually rigorous, situating its doctrinal exposition within a robust philosophical framework. Suitable for publication with only minor revisions.

2. Strengths

A. Originality and Scope: The tri-jurisdictional comparison and subject matter are highly original and relevant. B. Theoretical Depth: Expertly integrates liberal autonomy theory, paternalism, moral luck, and vulnerability theory. C. Methodology: Comparative analysis of England & Wales, Portugal, and Brazil is functionally justified and clear. D. Structure and Clarity: Well-organised, with exemplary use of edge cases, doctrinal summaries, and appendices.

3. Weaknesses and Suggestions for Minor Revision

A. Length and Density: Manuscript is very long (over 100 pages). A condensed version may be advisable for average journals. B. Accessibility: Philosophical and psychiatric expert sections could be summarised more concisely for general readers. C. Editorial Polish: Minor typographical issues and inconsistent referencing should be corrected.

4. Recommendation

✓ Accept with Minor Revisions: The article demonstrates deep doctrinal understanding, rigorous comparative analysis, and original thought. It is publishable with only editorial refinements and potential abridgment.

5. Suggested Journals for Submission

- Revista Brasileira de Ciências Criminais - Journal of Bioethical Inquiry - Medical Law International
- International Journal of Law and Psychiatry - Bulletin of Medical Ethics For high-impact submission: Oxford Journal of Legal Studies, Criminal Law Review, Modern Law Review.