

Review of: "Enhancing Veterinary Services for Smallholder Farmers in Zimbabwe: A Comprehensive Literature Review"

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Enjoyed reading this article that aimed to provide suggestions to improve the veterinary services for smallholder farmers in Zimbabwe. The article answered the research questions through a review of literature. The structure is good, the flow information and the main topics are covered specific to Veterinary services, although the richness of the review is limited. Other reviewers already gave you detail but my suggestions below focus on areas that I felt needs to be improved, particularly the solutions that is suggested need to also reflect on the issue of interconnected problems that contributed to the current performance of the veterinary services we saw today in Zimbabwe:

1. Title: "Comprehensive" literature review - to show this is a comprehensive literature review you need to provide a summary of the search processes and how you identified the main themes you have discussed in this article.
2. It is great the the topic touches on human health concern, and this can be further supported by the One Health principles from literature.
3. You have provided detailed insights from the Veterinary service provision ends and I recommend you can also identify literature on how the poorer veterinary services also connected to other interrelated issues such as the poor productivity due to lack of services for improved breeding, feeding and market from value chain perspective. You have looked to the veterinary service provision space from the supply side, or do you see also from the demand side where smallholder farmers limited economic gains from poor improved livestock development prevent them from seeking veterinary care?