Review of: "Role of Informal Traders in Contributing to Community Livelihoods in the post-COVID-19 Pandemic era in Zimbabwe"

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Dear Authors,

This study is interesting and useful in providing insights into the informal economy's contribution to the community, particularly in the post-pandemic era. The topic is highly relevant for academia and policy formulation. By utilising qualitative methodology, this research has the potential to unveil the unique practices of informal traders for income generation and to include their contribution to society. However, there are some areas of improvement that I believe will be useful to upgrade the quality of your article. First, I am concerned about the structure of your article. There is some information that needs to be elaborated on more, some arguments lack references, which makes them sound like subjective claims from the researchers, and while paragraphs are easy to understand, there are some repetitions. Second, your discussion lacks depth of analysis. It often makes unnecessary claims that are not adequately supported by your data findings, for example, when you make claims about contributions to improve GDP. I believe that qualitative research is not suitable to make claims and discussions that generalise the whole population of informal traders; rather, you should elaborate more on the specific practices and correlate them to the whole theoretical frameworks. Third, the findings and discussion in this article require more improvement. I found that most of your analysis is not well explained and not contributing to academic progress.

Overall, I regretfully recommend that this article is not suitable for this publication. I would suggest you rewrite this article to be more coherent and conceptual. Since the data from your research can be very useful for policy formulation, I suggest you improve your analysis and discussion.

Regards,

Reviewer