

Review of: "The Contribution of Subsistence Agriculture to the Livelihoods of the Smallholder Farmers in South Kivu Province, Democratic Republic of Congo"

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In general, the paper was well written. The language is acceptable, and the presentation is acceptable. Here are a few points to note:

- a) In Table 2, there is no indication of the implication of $P=0.05$.
- b) State what the ANOVA test is used to compare. Could it be comparing yields from the 8 territories in South Kivu?
- c) Researchers used Pearson's Correlation to investigate the effect of the practices of subsistence agriculture on farmers' socioeconomic status in South Kivu Province. Given the ordinal nature of the educational level and income level variables, would it be more appropriate to use the Spearman correlation?
- d) In the investigation of the effect of socioeconomic status on the sustainable livelihoods of farmers in South Kivu, even though P-values indicate statistical significance, researchers should explain the implications of weak correlations.