

Review of: "Sustainable futures: a quality-focused model for inclusive knowledge co-production"

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This is a really interesting topic and is great to see these kinds of important, cross cutting complex ideas being discussed. Overall I find the paper well put together and well written. The introduction to the topic and the following discussion of literature is strong, and paints an interesting picture. There are a few minor queries and syntax fixes in these early sections needed however, I will list these below. The following sections are good, but could be improved in places, and some questions arise when reading, that if answered would make the arguments put forward more justified and clearer for the reader.

(Slightly hard without line numbers for this)

Abstract

- It needs something on what sustainable futures means as it is the title

Intro

- First paragraph needs various references for the statements made in the first 2 sentences.
- In the Africa → in Africa
- Third paragraph - be good to state the difficulties in transferring tacit knowledge, both individual to individual but also when trying to do this to larger audiences
- End of page 2 – Accordingly is used in consecutive sentences – try a different word for readability

Theoretical Framework

- Data analytical → data analysis
- can effectively utilise of a theoretical framework
- In the second paragraph – it is not clear to me at this point that these are an ordered process and the phases are consecutive – is this right? Please clarify in the text
- The writer adopts the given approach – at this point in reading I need some more information on what 'the approach' constitutes

Input

- Reed et al. (2018) '*opinions*' that.... Maybe use the word 'suggests' or 'states'? Depends on the paper referred to...

Processes

- In the first sentence, I don't think explicit knowledge has been defined yet – could do this here.

Outputs

- Need to define usable, tangible and intangible in this context, or justify them
- This section needs expanding and explaining further if possible

Methodology

- There are many forms of qualitative analysis. The type and nature of the qualitative analysis needs to be defined further. Some details on the process of theme identification is needed and how these were synthesized across case studies

Knowledge Co-production

- Why is 'the codification of tacit knowledge' to be avoided?
- Some specific examples for each of the themes and findings would justify the results, rather than only discussing the case studies at a high level. Examples of the different types of knowledge, maybe?

Hope this is helpful, your paper was very enjoyable to read!

Thanks very much

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