

Review of: "Factors Influencing Smallholder Farmers' Preference for Veterinary Services Providers in Zimbabwe"

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Dear Maposa,

I enjoyed reading your article. Your article seems timely and relevant for examining factors influencing farmers' preference for veterinary services providers in Zimbabwe. However, I have some comments and suggestions to improve your paper.

- 1. Introduction--Move sixth paragraph on methods into materials and methods section.
- 2. Background to the problem-- Merge with introduction
- 3. Literature review--repetition of information in first paragraph-- rephrase it.
- 4. Sampling--- why purposive sampling was used--justify
- 5. convergent parallel design--give reference
- 6. Use reference carefully and correctly-- Maddala 1983 has given MVP model
- 7. Use same reference styles through out your paper
- 8. For results--- better to present descriptive statistics in Table rather than only texts.
- 9. Figure- y axis unit (percent)
- 10. How to calculate TLU-- clarify
- 11. Determinants of preferred veterinary services providers--- all explanatory variables significant--check
- 12. Subsidized drugs and repeat treatments for government negative in your results-- check
- 13. historical dynamics--clarify
- 14. You have written general conclusions--write your conclusions based on your results (significant variables) and future research directions.

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