

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

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This well-written paper examines the development of veterinary services in Zimbabwe. It makes a significant contribution to the literature on challenges smallholder farmers face in accessing veterinary care and gives some recommendations as to how these can be overcome. My main critique is that the manuscript needs a methods section that clearly states the search terms, databases, and search approach. While this is not a systematic review, the authors could base their methods section on a systematic or scoping reviewing paper.

Throughout the manuscript, the authors discuss CAHWs, paravets, and paraprofessionals. However, it is unclear how these terms are related or if they refer to the same thing. A clear definition is needed. The authors mention private-public partnerships but don't define this type of arrangement. The manuscript would be strengthened by providing examples of private-public partnerships in the veterinary sector in other southern African contexts.

The manuscript would also be strengthened by providing a diagram of veterinary services in Zimbabwe. This would allow the reader to understand the actors involved in the public and private spheres and at what administrative level they operate.

In the section titled "Human health protection in the smallholder sector" the authors' argument would be strengthened by citing One Health literature that promotes combined human-livestock service delivery (e.g., Griffith et al., 2020).

I have attached a PDF with my in-depth comments for each section. It was a pleasure to review this manuscript. The authors have identified some of the main challenges of veterinary services in Zimbabwe that will resonate with practitioners and researchers that work in this area.