

Peer Review

Review of: "Scaling up Food Processing in India by Tapping Houesholds' Potential"

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The text describes the food processing (FP) sector in India. It details the promotion efforts towards FP in India and highlights the health issues of processed food. The environmental issues, namely the carbon footprint of centralized production systems, are mentioned. Drawing from the title, the main theme of the paper is presented; opportunities for household-level food processing are presented. Other issues are pointed out before the conclusions.

The work does not contain specific research questions or clear objectives. The relevant methods for the collection/gathering of the data (even if qualitative) have not been outlined. Thus, the work comes across as an essay and not a research paper. This work may not be included in the research paper section of QIEOS. It would be most appropriate for an essay section, if there is one.

To be considered a research paper, the authors should consider outlining a research question(s), clear objectives, and data collection and analysis tools. The research questions would emanate from the concerns of the authors, that which agitates their minds for which answers are desired. For example, in what ways can India enhance FP through household involvement? The data collection tools would be informed by the objectives. These could be quantitative tools such as questionnaires or the use of secondary data, or qualitative tools such as interviews. The choice of data and its collection would inform the analytical tools to employ. It is also desirable that a literature context is provided with an appropriate theoretical frame/context of the study.

The presentation and explanation of the results in line with the literature context (discussions) will be fine. A conclusion that outlines the answers to the objectives would be useful. The existing 'way forward' could be used as the recommendations if appropriate.

Declarations

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.