

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

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This was an interesting paper; however, it needs to be edited here and there. How did you source the working materials for this project without funding? Please add information/reference number for the ethical clearance.

Abstract: Include statistical data/values for factors influencing access to veterinary services.

Introduction: Avoid tautology, repetition of statements.

Study area: Please include co-ordinates, higher and lower/average temperatures and vegetation for the selected districts. Also, add a map for the study site.

Sampling procedure: Include names of villages where data were collected.

Data analysis: Be descriptive in this section. State the name of the software used to analyze data, and include models used.

Results: Present your results in table or figure formats, reflecting both site districts, and include a short description of each set of results. I was hoping to see data for both districts in Figure 1 and p-values/significance. I am not sure whether there was an assumption that data from both districts will be the same or it was statistically proven, but it is not stated anywhere in your results section. The fact that you chose 2 districts means there could be differences in practices that could impact on farmer preferences. Table 1 looks like an output from statistical analysis. Please draw a table of odds ratio estimates, lower (LCI) and upper confidence (UCI) intervals of factors influencing the veterinary services preference, in both districts.

Discussion: Discuss all major findings of your results under this section.