

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

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Title: *Enhancing Veterinary Services for Smallholder Farmers in Zimbabwe: A Comprehensive Literature Review*

A very interesting paper that could be appreciated by the readers of the journal. In recommend that the authors be supported by improve it before it can be accepted.

## Abstract

- After the second sentence, insert one more sentence to highlight the problem/gap. Since you are using a literature review approach, you should indicate that studies which explore the issues you are raising either do not exist, are only developing or are not satisfactory.
- The sentence which begins by "This literature review examines...: seems shallow. The question is, and then what? Try and build it into an argument. Rather write about the aim of the study.
- "The findings highlight the critical ..." This sentence should part of the implications and not of the results. Insert what you found before this sentence.
- Place your key words in alphabetical order.

## Introduction

- Paragraph 1: first sentence needs reference (The references should be on different countries since you are referring to developing countries in general. It also can't be just one reference).
- Paragraph 2: First sentence needs references.
- Your references are a bit old. Things might have changed since these studies were conducted. Try getting new sources.
- The problem/ gap is not developed in the introduction. This is the most important part of the section. Revisit and also clearly justify your study. The problem should be built in the context of existing studies. Show what was studied and what was not, and then place your own study to fill a gap.
- Lastly, provide a breakdown of the paper.
- The paper could read best if you provide numbers to your sections

## Smallholder Livestock Sector in Zimbabwe

- Differentiate livestock and flocks.
- Update the references in this section. Otherwise the section is well-written with adequate data to support claims.

### **Establishment and growth of Veterinary Services in Zimbabwe**

- The first sentence needs references.
- One sentence cannot make a paragraph.
- Generally, the entire section needs attention. Provide references for claims. Update references also. Check the Sam Moyo Agrarian Institute of Agrarian Studies and associated scholars.

### **Other sections**

- You need to have a dedicated section on Research methodology. As it is, it is difficult to follow up what you did. Separate literature review from results. It is now difficult to get where your conclusions are coming from.