

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

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Dear Authors,

I can attest that you have put in a lot of work into the manuscript to get it up to this point. Overall, I am impressed by the quality of the work. However, the following can further improve the quality of the article:

1. Review the tenses used in the latter part of the introduction. Since the study is already conducted, the use of future tense is not appropriate.
2. The reason for the purposive selection of the 10 AHMCs was not stated. This is important because purposive selection in itself is not advised as it can give rise to biased sample. However, it is welcomed in situations where it is the only means and is rightly justified.
3. Extensive advantage of the mixed method approach should further be communicated especially in relation to the reviewed literature that adopted a single method of analysis - quantitative or qualitative. This will help the reader to appreciate the robustness of the research.
4. Replace the table of output from the software by neatly creating a table containing only the relevant statistics.
5. Disaggregation of the participants using educational status should be recalculated. It is slightly above unity.

Well done and all the best.