

# Review of: "Tourists' Activities and their Impacts on Chinhoyi Caves Heritage Site, Zimbabwe"

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I will start by commending the authors for exploring this area of research. Such topic area helps to highlight the unique challenges facing tourism (and specifically heritage tourism) development in the context of emerging economies, especially for countries within Africa. That said, I wish to point out few areas that might need strengthening to help boost the quality of the research.

**First**, it might be a good idea to proofread the paper thorough to expunge grammatical errors, especially in the use of plural and singular forms. For instance, the use of 'was' for data is not often seen as correct in academic writing. Thus, I suggest a native English speaker should review the paper.

**Second**, you might want to build more on your **statement of problem** section to help bring to light why your research is important. You perfectly identified a lacuna in the body of knowledge, but try and expand it more.

**Third**, I think the third research question should not just end with finding ways to minimize the negative impacts, you might want to highlight ways to maximize the positive aspect (since your findings identified some positive impacts of tourism in the study area).

**Fourth**, I have this feeling that your research is qualitative oriented (based on the software used and data collection approach). However, you failed to inform readers about the research design and possibly the paradigm that guided the study. More importantly, you seem to have ignored the ethical concerns that go with qualitative research. I am not comfortable with the use of words such as 'unplanned' and 'recorded in pictures' since they could mean that you interfered in the participants' privacy without their consent.

**Lastly**, it might be a good idea to have a separate section for the **results** (I think findings go more with qualitative research) and another section for the discussion to enable a better flow of your presentation and interpretation.

I hope you find these comments useful as you improve the quality of your paper. All the very best in your publication journey.