

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

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Thank you for sharing your paper with me. I find the paper to be very interesting. The paper used a mixed methods technique to collect primary data on the determinants of livestock service providers. The objective of the paper was achieved and the research question is clearly articulated and answered.

Methodology: The paper had elaborate discussion on the study area, sampling procedure, data collection and data analysis. My suggestion is if they can consider to elaborate more on how they analysed their qualitative data in data analysis which was a compliment of the quantitative data which was analysed analytically and by use descriptives.

Results and Discussions:

Much was discussed conclusively however i recommend the author to have tables on the demographic data for easy perusal and multivariate data table with asterisk to indicate different levels of significance. The result table for mvp model in the paper should be attached at the appendix.

Equally, correct numbering should be done for figures for instance, the livelihood figure.

Similarly, am recommending the last chapter should be Conclusions and Recommendations and not Discussions and Conclusions.

Lastly:

Authors may expand the discussion on the integration of CBAHWs. What value addition will they have to existing structures and who bears the cost of this integration, especially the need for incentives like bicycles and communication gadgets? Are farmers able and willing to provide incentives or is the government willing? Or what is the opportunity cost of having an additional layer in community dynamics? Increasing support to existing Extension Staff such as transport and other incentives may improve service delivery? And also is the Existing Extension Staff and CBAHWs able to work together amicably? Can power dynamics undermine the relationships?