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

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The paper's topic is a very interesting one. The text is clear and easily readable, and, from a personal point of view, I enjoyed reading it, although the English form needs some improvement. Yet, the paper suffers from some flaws, that suggest to modify it, when possible. First of all, a presentation of Chinhoyi Caves is needed, including not only a complete description, but also distance from cities, facilities for visitors (restaurants, hotels in the area etc), number of visitors per year and season, and their origin (national, local, international). Also, some details should be given about the management (number of guardians, presence of guides leading groups of visitors, etc), and which actions have been implemented to counteract any negative effect of tourist activities. Finally, the examined sample is quite limited, and I would suggest to continue the research administering the interview guide (please, give some more details also about it) to a bigger number of visitors/staff.