

# Review of: "The Contribution of Subsistence Agriculture to the Livelihoods of the Smallholder Farmers in South Kivu Province, Democratic Republic of Congo"

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This is a generally well-conducted study. However, there are a few points that need to be addressed:

**Grammatical Adjustments:** There are some minor grammatical mistakes that need to be corrected. Please ensure the paper is carefully proofread.

**Journal Format:** The paper should be formatted according to the specific guidelines of the target journal.

**Logistic Regression Coefficients:** In Table 6, logistic regression coefficients are presented. Are these the marginal effect estimates? It is important to clarify this, as the first stage logistic estimation only has qualitative meaning. Only the coefficients from the marginal effect estimate have a quantitative meaning. Please specify which coefficients are reported in Table 6.

**Justification and Explanation of Methods:** Each method of analysis used in the study should be justified and clearly explained. For example:

- Why was Pearson correlation chosen over other methods like Spearman correlation?
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With these corrections, the paper can be considered for acceptance.