

## 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 an interesting paper that contributes significantly to the body of knowledge. However, address the following few issues of great concern:

- 1. There is no theoretical framework that compromises the theoretical contribution of this study. Please add the theoretical framework so as to enrich your study,
- 2. Please add research philosophy and research design. Moreover, your sampling technique for the quantitative phase is not clear. In terms of the qualitative phase, the data saturation point is not clear at all.
- 3. Please perform diagnostic tests of the logistic regression model, such as model specification tests, multicollinearity tests, and Hosmer-Lemeshow goodness of fit test, so as to avoid spurious results and inferences.
- 4. NB. The references used in this study are too old. Please make sure that 90% of your scholarly sources are not older than 5 years.

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