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Title:- ANALYSE MORPHOSEMANTIQUE DES ANTHROPONYMES EN MILIEU MAXI AU BENIN MORPHOSEMANTIC ANALYSIS OF ANTHROPONYMS IN MAXI AREA IN BENIN.

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity	✓			
Significance	✓			

Reviewer Name: Dr. Mithilesh kumar shukla

Reviewer's Comment for Publication:

The paper analyzes the morphosemantic structure of endogenous personal names (anthroponyms) among the Maxi people in Benin, whose traditional names are vanishing due to the adoption of imported religious names. Using data from 60 informants, including questionnaires and interviews, 44 Maxi names were examined and classified into 11 categories based on their socio-cultural and historical significance. These anthroponyms are mainly compounds and derivatives formed by combining various morphemes such as nominal, pronominal, verbal, and affixes. Each name conveys a unique story or message reflecting power, proverbs, unity, challenges, infant mortality, ancestral memories, obedience, philosophy, twins, and indigenous religions. The study underscores the cultural identity embodied in names and the need to preserve and understand these evolving linguistic markers within their contexts.

Recommendation: Accept after minor revision, .

Detailed Reviewer's Report

STRENGTHS:

- 1- The study Highlights the endangered status of endogenous Maxi names amid cultural and religious changes,
- 2- It Uses a robust methodology involving 60 informants, questionnaires, and interviews to gather authentic and diverse data.
- 3- The study Connects names with historical, social, and cultural narratives, enriching the linguistic analysis.
- 4- It Use of Multiple Linguistic Elements.
- 5- Collects and preserves names that are at risk of disappearing, serving as a linguistic record.
- 6- It Combines linguistics, anthropology, and sociology to offer a holistic analysis of names.

WEAKNESSES:

- 1- Limited Sample Size, the study focuses on only 44 anthroponyms,
- 2- Lack of Comparative Analysis.
- 3- Focus on Morphosemantics Only may overlook other linguistic dimensions such as phonology, pragmatics, or sociolinguistic dynamics in naming.

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