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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		X		
Techn. Quality		X		
Clarity			X	
Significance		X		

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Detailed Reviewer's Report

The manuscript addresses an interesting and culturally significant topic by examining the morphosemantic structure and sociocultural motivation of Maxi anthroponyms in Benin. The study is based on field data collected from 60 informants, with 30 participants additionally interviewed, and analyses 44 selected anthroponyms. The classification into 11 categories provides useful insight into the relationship between personal names, language, history and cultural identity.

The manuscript has a clear research focus and contains valuable primary linguistic and ethnographic data. However, some methodological and presentation issues should be clarified before publication.

MAJOR COMMENTS

The sampling procedure should be described more clearly, including the locations of data collection and the criteria used to select the 60 informants.

The authors should clarify how the 44 anthroponyms were selected from the collected data and whether saturation was considered.

The procedures for transcription, translation and morphosemantic analysis should be explained in greater methodological detail.

The distinction between compounds, derivatives and syntactic phrases should be justified consistently with the theoretical framework.

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Some interpretations of names depend heavily on historical narratives. The authors should clearly distinguish linguistic evidence from informant explanations and cultural interpretation.

The English Abstract requires careful language editing to improve grammar, accuracy and readability.

The manuscript would benefit from a summary table showing the 44 names, morphological structure, literal meaning, semantic category and motivating context.

The reference list and in-text citations should be checked carefully for consistency and formatting.

MINOR COMMENTS

- Correct spacing and punctuation throughout the manuscript.
- Standardise the transcription system and linguistic symbols.
- Correct typographical errors in French and English.
- Ensure consistent terminology for “radical”, “morphème”, “suffixe” and “préfixe”.
- Improve the formatting of linguistic examples and translations.
- Check all bibliographic references for completeness and consistency.
- The conclusion could be made more concise and clearly linked to the research objectives.

STRENGTHS

- Original and culturally relevant research topic.
- Valuable primary field data.
- Clear connection between language, culture and personal naming.
- Detailed morphological analysis.
- Identification of 11 categories of anthroponyms.
- Use of interviews and questionnaires provides complementary data.
- Potential contribution to African linguistics, onomastics and cultural studies.

FINAL REVIEWER COMMENT

The manuscript makes a useful contribution to the study of Maxi anthroponymy and African onomastics. Its principal strength is the use of original field data to demonstrate how personal names encode historical, social, cultural and religious meanings. The manuscript should be considered for publication after clarification of the methodology, strengthening of the evidence presentation, consistency in linguistic analysis and careful language and reference editing.

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