

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-54323

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Title: TYPOLOGY OF SPATIAL TRANSFORMATION FACTORS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANTE, CENTRAL 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: Mir Zahoor

Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

The manuscript titled "*Typology of Spatial Transformation Factors in the Municipality of Bantè, Central Benin*" presents an insightful and empirically grounded investigation into the drivers of spatial change within a critical regional context. The study's methodological rigor—particularly the integration of field surveys, statistical analysis (SPSS), and Correspondence Factor Analysis (CFA)—adds substantial technical quality to the research. The paper effectively identifies both direct and indirect factors influencing spatial transformations, such as demographic growth, plantation expansion, land tenure dynamics, and agricultural colonization, all of which are relevant to current debates on land management and rural development in sub-Saharan Africa.

The manuscript is commendable for its structured presentation, depth of field data, and contextual interpretation of results. However, minor revisions are suggested to enhance overall clarity and readability. Specifically:

1. **Abstract:** The summary could be slightly condensed and refined to emphasize the key findings and their broader implications for policy and sustainable land management.

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2. **Language and Style:** A few grammatical and typographical inconsistencies should be addressed to ensure smoother readability.
3. **Figures and Tables:** All figures should include proper captions and legends in English to facilitate comprehension for an international audience.
4. **Discussion Section:** Strengthening the linkage between empirical findings and existing theoretical or policy frameworks would further reinforce the study's analytical depth.

Overall, the research makes a significant contribution to understanding spatial dynamics and land-use transformation processes in Central Benin. The topic aligns well with the journal's scope and contributes to the discourse on sustainable territorial governance and agricultural spatial planning in West Africa.

Hence, **the paper is recommended for publication after minor revision.**