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**PART 1: Review Comments**

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback (Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p><b>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b></p>	<p>Because it examines how traditional cultural practices and Western influences overlap in the Hehe and Bena communities, this article is important to the scholarly community. It offers insightful information about how rites of passage are altered by globalization while striking a balance between cultural preservation and contemporary adaptation. I value the manuscript's systematic approach, especially the way it employs a variety of techniques to capture complex generational viewpoints. It could, however, use more detail on particular tactics to successfully incorporate contemporary practices while preventing cultural deterioration.</p>	
<p><b>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</b></p>	<p>The title, "<i>The Effects of Western Culture on Rites of Passage Among the Hehe and Bena Societies: Case Study Iringa Rural District</i>," is clear and descriptive but could be improved for greater academic appeal and precision. A possible alternative is:</p> <p><b>"Cultural Transition and Adaptation: The Impact of Western Influence on Rites of Passage in Hehe and Bena Communities of Iringa Rural District."</b></p>	
<p><b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</b></p>	<p><b>It's okay</b></p>	
<p><b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></p>	<p>The subsections and structure of the manuscript appear appropriate and well-organized, with a logical flow from the <b>Abstract</b> through to the <b>Conclusion</b>. Each section, such as the <b>Introduction</b>, <b>Methodology</b>, <b>Results</b>, <b>Discussion</b>, and <b>Conclusion</b>, is clearly defined and serves its purpose in presenting the study's aims, methods, findings, and implications.</p> <p>However, there are areas that need improvement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Introduction:</b> The theoretical framework (Turner's theory of liminality) is well-integrated, but additional context or justification for its relevance to the study's focus is needed to strengthen the section.</li> <li><b>Results:</b> The findings are clear, but subsections within this section is needed to be more explicitly labeled (e.g., by demographic group or cultural dimensions) for better readability.</li> <li><b>Discussion:</b> While comprehensive, it needs more direct links between the findings and the literature reviewed in the introduction to produce a cohesive narrative.</li> <li><b>Conclusion:</b> It provides a good summary, but a more explicit mention of actionable recommendations is lacking.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b></p>	<p>The well-defined study design of this publication, which combines qualitative and quantitative approaches to give a thorough examination of cultural alterations among the Hehe and Bena communities, exhibits scientific accuracy. The reliability and validity of the results are guaranteed by the use of validated tools, such as SPSS for quantitative analysis and content analysis for qualitative data. Also, Turner's idea of liminality is applied effectively, providing a strong lens through which to evaluate cultural shifts. The incorporation of ethical issues and pilot testing enhances the manuscript's technical soundness and demonstrates a meticulous focus on participant integrity and research rigor.</p>	
<p><b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</b> =</p>	<p>The manuscript includes an extensive list of references that cover foundational and contemporary works on rites of passage, cultural transitions, and the impact of globalization. However, while the references are sufficient, a significant portion appears slightly dated, with many sources from the early 2000s or earlier. Including more recent studies (e.g., within the last five years) on globalization, cultural hybridization, and Western influence on African societies would enhance the manuscript's relevance.</p>	

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	<p><b>Suggested Additional References:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Articles on recent cultural hybridization in African societies, such as studies focusing on social media's role in shaping cultural practices.</li> <li>New research on globalization's impact on indigenous traditions, especially post-2020 studies on how the COVID-19 pandemic affected cultural practices.</li> <li>Recent theoretical advancements in the study of liminality and cultural transitions to build on Turner's framework with contemporary perspectives.</li> </ol>	
<p><u>Minor REVISION</u> comments</p> <p><b>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></p>	<p>The manuscript's language is generally clear and appropriate for scholarly communication, with well-structured sentences and precise terminology. However, there are occasional redundancies and instances where the phrasing could be more concise or academically refined. Additionally, some sections, such as the <b>Results</b> and <b>Discussion</b>, need tighter language to enhance clarity and impact.</p>	
<p><u>Optional/General</u> comments</p>		

**PART 2:**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<p><b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b></p>	<p><i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i></p>	

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