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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>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.</p>	<p>This manuscript addresses the critical role of institutional support in the development of agricultural entrepreneurship (AE) in Benin, highlighting the gaps in innovation-focused interventions. It provides valuable insights into the policy environment and its impact on young entrepreneurs, which is highly relevant for policymakers, researchers, and practitioners working in the field of agricultural development and entrepreneurship in developing countries. However, the manuscript could benefit from a more in-depth analysis of the specific institutional barriers and opportunities for fostering innovation in AE. Overall, the study's focus on AE as a strategy for economic transformation makes it a meaningful contribution to the scientific community.</p>	
<p>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p>	<p>The current title, "Evolution of Institutional Support for Agricultural Entrepreneurship in Benin," is suitable as it clearly reflects the study's scope. However, a more specific title that emphasizes the study's focus on innovation might be more effective. Suggested alternative title: "Institutional Support and Innovation in Agricultural Entrepreneurship: An Analysis of Policies and Programs in Benin."</p>	
<p>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.</p>	<p>The abstract provides a general overview but lacks specific details about the key findings, methodologies, and implications. It would benefit from including more concrete results, such as the extent to which different components of innovativeness (propensity, capacity, and practice) are addressed by Benin's policies. Adding information on the specific recommendations or potential impacts of the study's findings would make the abstract more comprehensive.</p>	
<p>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>	<p>The subsections and overall structure of the manuscript are appropriate, with a clear division into introduction, methodology, results, discussion, and conclusion. However, some sections, particularly the introduction and discussion, could be more focused and cohesive. The discussion should provide a more critical analysis of the results in relation to the stated objectives and existing literature.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	<p>The manuscript appears scientifically robust, with a well-defined research question and a systematic approach to document analysis. However, there is a need for more critical engagement with the data, specifically in the discussion of how institutional support mechanisms have evolved and their effectiveness in promoting innovation within AE. The paper would be stronger if it included a comparative analysis with other countries or frameworks to highlight Benin's unique challenges and opportunities.</p>	
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form. :</p>	<p>The references are generally sufficient, but there is a mix of both recent and older sources. It would be beneficial to include more recent studies that explore similar topics in other developing countries, which could provide a broader context for the findings. Ensuring that all cited works are relevant and up-to-date will improve the manuscript's scientific rigor.</p>	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>Language Quality: The manuscript requires careful proofreading to correct grammatical errors, awkward phrasing, and inconsistencies. Improving the language quality will enhance readability and scholarly communication. Figures and Tables: Ensure that all figures and tables are clearly labeled, well-integrated into the text, and adequately discussed.</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>The manuscript tackles an important subject with significant implications for the development of AE in Benin. A deeper analysis of the barriers to innovation and a clearer connection between institutional support and entrepreneurial success would greatly enhance the paper's impact. Furthermore, a stronger alignment of the introduction and discussion sections with the study's core objectives will make the manuscript more coherent and compelling for the scientific community.</p>	

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PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <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>
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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