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### PART 1: Review Comments

<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<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>This manuscript is important for the scientific community as it sheds light on the effectiveness of traditional land dispute resolution mechanisms in Liberia, a topic that is often underexplored in the context of African land governance. The study provides valuable empirical data and insights into how traditional practices continue to play a significant role in resolving land disputes, especially in rural and peri-urban areas where formal legal systems may be less accessible. Additionally, the research stresses the interaction between customary and statutory laws, contributing to the broader discourse on legal pluralism in land tenure systems. However, the manuscript could benefit from a more critical analysis of these traditional mechanisms to better understand their limitations and potential biases.</p>	
<p><b>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</b></p>	<p>The title of the article should clearly reflect the focus on traditional land dispute resolution mechanisms in Liberia, specifically in Bong County. There is a suggested title. There could be other suitable titles, too.</p> <p>"Evaluating the Effectiveness of Traditional Land Dispute Resolution Mechanisms in Bong County, Liberia: A Case Study"</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>The abstract is okay.</p>	
<p><b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></p>	<p>The manuscript follows a logical progression from introduction, through methods, to results and discussion, and finally to conclusions. This structure is standard and effective for research papers. However, a couple of things can make it much better. While the introduction provides good background on the issue of land disputes in Liberia, it could benefit from a more concise presentation of the problem. Consider focusing on the key aspects of land disputes and their implications for the study area. Clearly state the research gap that this study aims to fill. This will help in setting up the importance of your research in the context of existing literature. You can also refer to the manuscript for my marginal feedback.</p>	
<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 manuscript appears to be scientifically robust and technically sound due to its systematic approach to data collection and analysis. The study employs a well-defined empirical and comparative methodology, which is appropriate for evaluating the effectiveness of traditional land dispute resolution mechanisms in Liberia. The use of both primary data (through interviews and surveys) and secondary data (from local archives) provides a comprehensive dataset that enhances the reliability of the findings. Additionally, the statistical analysis using tools like SPSS adds rigor to the interpretation of the results, making the conclusions drawn from the study both credible and evidence-based. I enjoyed reading this short manuscript.</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>=</p>	<p>The references cited in the manuscript appear to be relevant and sufficient for the topics discussed. However, the majority of the references seem to be from earlier years, with several key sources dating back to 2011, 2014, and 2016. While these references provide important background and foundational information, incorporating more recent studies, especially those published in the last five years, could enhance the manuscript's relevance and ensure that the research is situated within the most current scholarly discourse. There should also be some references that talk about land disputes in Liberia.</p>	

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<u>Minor REVISION</u> comments  <b>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b>	The manuscript maintains a formal and academic tone, which is appropriate for scholarly communication. The only suggestion is that there are some short sentences separated by semi-colons. Using conjunctions can make the language clearer.	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	I have added some marginal comments in the manuscript itself.	

### **PART 2:**

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

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