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Journal Name:	Asian Journal of Geographical Research
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Title of the Manuscript:	Urbanization and Industrialization in Nigeria: Assessing the Environmental and Public Health Consequences of Anthropogenic Activities
Type of the Article	Review Article

PART 1: Comments

	Reviewer's comment Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated or assisted review comments are strictly prohibited during peer review.	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)
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	The manuscript provides a comprehensive analysis of a topic that is of growing concern in developing economies. It contributes valuable insights to urban planning, environmental policy, and public health research, supporting evidence-based policy recommendations for sustainable development. The paper also underscores the importance of integrating economic progress with environmental conservation, which is relevant for researchers, policymakers and stakeholders in urban sustainability.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	The title is informative but slightly lengthy and could be more concise while retaining its clarity. Alternative title could be "Environmental and Public Health Impacts of Urbanization and Industrialization in Nigeria"	
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.	While the abstract discusses findings and implications, it does not mention the methodology used. A brief statement of this would improve completeness. Secondly, instead of stating that urbanization and industrialization have given rise to environmental and health concerns, it would be clearer to state that these have accelerated existing issues. Moreover, the final sentence could be more specific about the urgency of policy interventions rather than just advocating for sustainable urban policies. For instance, mentioning the role of government agencies, industries, and community participation would add depth to the arguments.	
Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.	The manuscript is scientifically sound and presents well-researched arguments supported by existing literature. However, some statements, such as the link between industrialization and biodiversity loss, could benefit from additional evidence or clarification on causality versus correlation. The manuscript also lacks specific examples of successful policies from Nigeria or other developing countries that could serve as benchmarks for regulatory frameworks.	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	The references are relevant but some sources may be outdated, e.g., Adewuya et al. (2007), especially given the rapidly evolving nature of urban health challenges. Please try to include more recent studies. Please also integrate case studies from other rapidly urbanizing developing countries to provide comparative insights.	

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Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	The article is well-written and suitable for scholarly communications. However, some areas could benefit from refinement. For instance, some sentences are lengthy and could be restructured for better readability. Please ensure uniformity in citation formats. For instance, Omokaro et al., (2024a) should be Omokaro et al. (2024a) without a comma.	
Optional/General comments	An issue in the text is repetitive phrasing. The text repeatedly states that urbanization and industrialization cause pollution, biodiversity loss, and public health issues. The discussion could be more concise. Moreover, some paragraphs shift topics abruptly without a smooth transition. Please add transition phrases to improve flow. The discussion in the article is overwhelmingly negative. While the negative impacts are important, a more balanced view would enhance credibility. For instance, examples of sustainable urban planning initiatives or industrial environmental policies could be included.	

PART 2:

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

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