



functions (such as reflexive, reciprocal and antipassive) and thus usurp some parts of the middle domain.

Focusing on data from a wide variety of Bantu languages, discussing similarities and differences between these ‘quasi-middle’ derivatives from a cross-linguistic perspective, we elucidate the functional status of this verbal category and conclude that it should be qualified as ‘quasi-middle’ voice. On the basis of a diachronically-oriented typological analysis of the forms with the suffix *-ik-* we arrive at the conclusion about the origin of this category from a certain variety of passive or anticausative.

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