

Review Form 1.6

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PART 1: Review Comments

	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)
Compulsory REVISION comments	The above-mentioned original research article has been reviewed in terms of content, relevance of data, research procedure, and value to the readership. We suggest the subsequent improvements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - within the CONCLUSION section, to provide the reader with the limitations of the study and future research perspectives. - to have the whole text English proof read, the errors that occur hinder the understanding of the text. 	
Minor REVISION comments	On the subject of the relevance of the presented data, it is vital to emphasize that the article relates to other works on the investigated topic. Moreover, the authors provide recent sources within the REFERENCES section (there are sources cited within the span of 2012 – 2019). We believe that this manuscript is properly directed to the target audience of the journal to which it was submitted. Concerning the value to the readership, the presented aspects are of international use as they are from the field of politics, to be more precise, dealing with the changing nature of global international relations.	
Optional/General comments	The principal advantage of the study is that the research results argue that Indonesia will lean to the US in maintaining its security affairs in the region. The presented argument is based on the findings arising from traditional context where US has been very close to Indonesia and until today, its close ties remain. Secondly, China's aggressive moves in the region impedes Indonesia to conduct positive relationship with China in strategic security context. For the last reason, it is unquestionably imperative for Indonesia to stay away from China and request the US to back up for regional balance. Therefore, bilateral security ties with the US are compulsive. Overall, the investigated topic is current, suitable for publishing.	

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?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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