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PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory 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>
Is the manuscript important for scientific community? <i>(Please write few sentences regarding this manuscript to justify your answer)</i>	Yes, the manuscript seems to be significant for the scientific community, especially for researchers and policymakers interested in labor relations, migrant worker issues, and union participation in China. This manuscript is important as it addresses critical gaps in understanding union participation among rural migrant workers in China, providing empirical evidence and insightful analysis that can inform both academic research and policy-making aimed at improving labor rights and representation in the country.	
Is the title of the article suitable? <i>(If not please suggest an alternative title)</i>	"The title "Trade Unions, Migrant Workers, and Education Background in China" effectively captures the main themes of the article based on the content provided. Overall, "Trade Unions, Migrant Workers, and Education Background in China" is a suitable title that effectively summarizes the main themes and scope of the article based on the abstract provided. It could potentially be enhanced by making it slightly more engaging or provocative while maintaining its clarity and accuracy."	
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?	The abstract provides a comprehensive overview of the study's purpose, methodology, key findings, and implications. However, there are areas where it could be improved to ensure clarity and inclusiveness. While the abstract effectively outlines the study's purpose, methodology, and key findings, enhancing it with more specific data, additional contextualization, and clearer language would further improve its overall impact in the scientific community.	
Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?		
Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct? <i>(Please write few sentences regarding this manuscript to justify your answer)</i>	Your abstract clearly and concisely summarizes the study's purpose, methodology, and findings. Based on the information provided in the manuscript, the manuscript appears to be scientifically correct and well-founded.	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.	<p>The references you provided are comprehensive and cover a wide range of relevant topics related to trade unions, migrant workers, and labor market dynamics. Here are some observations and suggestions:</p> <p>Sufficiency and Recency: Diversity of Sources: The references include a mix of books, journal articles, working papers, and statistical yearbooks, which provides a well-rounded foundation for the study. Range of Years: The references span several decades, with some foundational works from the 1960s and 1980s and more recent studies up to 2015. While this provides a historical context and foundational theories, it is important to ensure that the most recent developments are also captured. Key Areas Covered: The references cover critical areas such as labor union dynamics, migrant workers' issues, trade union revitalization, and the specific context of China. Suggestions for Additional References: Recent Studies: Consider including more recent studies from the last 5-8 years to ensure that the analysis reflects the latest trends and developments. For instance:</p> <p>Chan, C. K. C. (2019). <i>The Challenge of Labour in China: Strikes and the Changing Labour Regime in Global Factories</i>. Routledge. Friedman, E. (2014). <i>Insurgency Trap: Labor Politics in Postsocialist China</i>. Cornell University Press. Global Context: Since the study also draws comparisons with Western contexts, it might be</p>	

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	<p>useful to include more recent comparative studies on trade unions and migrant workers:</p> <p>Milkman, R., Bloom, J., & Narro, V. (2010). Working for Justice: The L.A. Model of Organizing and Advocacy. Cornell University Press.</p> <p>Penninx, R., & Roosblad, J. (2018). Trade Unions, Immigration, and Immigrants in Europe 1960-1993: A Comparative Study of the Actions of Trade Unions in Seven West European Countries. Berghahn Books.</p> <p>Policy and Legal Framework: References that discuss recent policy changes and their impacts on labor markets and trade unions in China would be valuable:</p> <p>Liu, M. (2016). Migration, Prostitution, and Human Trafficking: The Voice of Chinese Women. Routledge.</p> <p>Gallagher, M. E. (2017). Authoritarian Legality in China: Law, Workers, and the State. Cambridge University Press.</p> <p>Current Statistics and Reports: Including the most recent statistical data and reports from credible organizations can strengthen the study:</p> <p>International Labour Organization (ILO). (2020). World Employment and Social Outlook: Trends 2020. ILO.</p> <p>National Bureau of Statistics of China (2020) China Statistical Yearbook 2020. Beijing: China Statistics Press.</p> <p>By incorporating these additional references, you can ensure that the study is grounded in the most up-to-date research and data, thereby enhancing its scientific validity and relevance.</p>	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>The language and English quality of the article, based on the provided manuscripts, is generally suitable for scholarly communications. However, there are some areas where clarity and readability could be improved.</p> <p>General Observations: Overall Clarity: The abstract is mostly clear, but some sentences are long and complex, which can make them difficult to follow. Breaking these into shorter sentences would improve readability. Grammar and Syntax: There are minor grammatical issues and awkward phrasings that should be corrected.</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>		

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

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