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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>
<p>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.</p>	<p>"Mandoliong: An Organological Study of Stringed Traditional Musical Instruments in Wajo Regency, South Sulawesi" is a significant contribution to the scientific community as it meticulously explores the construction, functionality, and cultural significance of traditional stringed instruments in the Wajo Regency. This manuscript not only preserves valuable ethnomusicological knowledge but also bridges the gap between cultural heritage and modern organological research. I particularly appreciate the comprehensive analysis and the detailed documentation of the Mandoliong, which provides a solid foundation for future studies and potential innovations in instrument design. However, the manuscript could be enhanced by including more comparative studies with similar instruments from neighboring regions and addressing the challenges faced in preserving these traditional crafts in the face of globalization.</p>	
<p>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p>	<p>Suitable</p>	
<p>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.</p>	<p>Please mention qualitative method</p>	
<p>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p>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.</p>	<p>This manuscript is scientifically sound because it uses a well-defined qualitative methodology, including observation, interviews, and document studies, ensuring accurate data collection. It provides a thorough organological study of the Mandoliong, covering its construction, materials, and performance, demonstrating technical precision. Additionally, the historical and cultural context is well-researched, linking the instrument's origins from China to its development in South Sulawesi, adding depth to the study. These factors contribute to the robustness and validity of the research.</p>	
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form. :</p>	<p>The references in this manuscript include a combination of historical sources and some more recent studies. However, many of the sources are dated, with a significant portion from the early 2000s or even earlier. While some older references are appropriate for historical context, it would benefit the manuscript to incorporate more recent studies, especially those published within the last 5 to 10 years, to reflect the latest research trends in organology, musicology, and cultural studies.</p> <p>Suggestions for additional references:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recent studies on organology and traditional music instruments in Southeast Asia, which may offer updated insights into the methodologies used for studying instruments like the Mandoliong. 2. Current literature on the impact of globalization and modernization on traditional music, which could help contextualize the cultural shifts mentioned. 3. Research focusing on preservation efforts for endangered traditional musical instruments, which could strengthen the discussion about the Mandoliong's current status and its future. Incorporating newer references will help bolster the manuscript's relevance and ensure it aligns with recent academic discourse. 	

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<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>The language of the manuscript is generally understandable but contains several grammatical issues, awkward phrasing, and inconsistencies that could hinder scholarly communication. Some sections lack clarity, potentially affecting the reader's understanding of key points. A thorough review of sentence structure, grammar, and word choice is necessary to meet the standards of academic writing. Suggestions for improvement include simplifying complex sentences to improve readability and flow, ensuring consistent use of tense, and clarifying technical terms for a global academic audience. Correcting grammatical errors such as missing articles and punctuation inconsistencies is also essential. Professional proofreading or a language editor would further enhance the manuscript.</p> <p>Examples from the document:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Original: "Mandoliong music is considered a traditional musical instrument found in the Bugis community one of which is in the Wajo Regency area." Improved: "Mandoliong music is a traditional musical instrument commonly found in the Bugis community, particularly in the Wajo Regency area." Original: "This has led to new curiosity especially knowing how to make mandoling for the younger generation." Improved: "This has sparked curiosity, particularly about how the younger generation can learn to craft the Mandoliong." Original: "The methods used to collect data were observation interviews and document study." Improved: "Data collection methods included observations, interviews, and document analysis." Original: "In its presentation mandoliong musical instruments are collaborated with lute flute violin and drum instruments." Improved: "In performances, the Mandoliong is often played alongside the lute, flute, violin, and drum." <p>These examples demonstrate the need for clearer sentence structure, improved punctuation, and a more consistent technical language to ensure the manuscript meets academic standards.</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The manuscript provides valuable cultural insights and connects the Mandoliong's history with its organology, enhancing its academic contribution. The detailed research on the instrument's construction and performance is strong but could benefit from more recent references. Streamlining sections like the methodology and historical background would improve clarity and avoid repetition. 4 Some technical terms may be unclear to non-experts; adding brief explanations or a glossary could help. Including suggestions for future research, such as preservation or modern adaptation of the Mandoliong, would further enrich the study. 	

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	<p>Reviewer's comment</p>	<p>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>
<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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