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REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Development of a Bima Folklore-Based Comic to Strengthen Cooperation and Independence Character Traits of Fifth Grade Elementary Students

Recommendation:	Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Accept as it is	- Originality		V		
Accept after major revision	Techn. Quality			V	
Do not accept (Reasons below)	Clarity			V	
	Significance				

Reviewer Name: Dr. Anam Zehra

Reviewer's Comment for Publication:

A well-structured R&D study that develops a folklore-based comic "La Golo" using the ADDIE model to strengthen cooperation and independence among Grade V students. The manuscript is comprehensive, methodologically sound, and supported by strong empirical evidence through expert validation, practicality tests, N-Gain scores, and paired-sample t-tests. The integration of local wisdom with character-education pedagogy is a key strength. Some sections, however, require refinement for conciseness, improved clarity, and avoidance of repetition.

Recommendation: Accept after minor revision

Detailed Reviewer's Report

STRENGTHS

- 1. Presents a robust Research & Development design using the ADDIE model, clearly detailing each stage, analysis, design, development, implementation, and evaluation, with supporting tables, visuals, and validation data.
- 2. Strong empirical evidence: expert validation scores (media 96.6%, content 93.2%, language 92.0%), practicality ratings from teachers (96.5%) and students (98.2%), as well as effective N-Gain improvements for cooperation (0.65) and independence (0.62).
- 3. Integrates local cultural elements of the Bima folklore "La Golo," enhancing contextual relevance and supporting character education grounded in indigenous values.
- 4. Includes detailed statistical analysis, normality, homogeneity, N-Gain, and paired-sample t-tests, which strengthen the credibility and rigor of the findings.
- 5. Provides clear pedagogical implications, showing the comic's effectiveness in enhancing cooperation, self-regulation, responsibility, motivation, and collaborative behaviors among elementary learners.

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WEAKNESSES

- 1. Several sections contain unnecessary length and descriptive repetition, especially the introduction and literature support, which may be condensed for better flow.
- 2. The methodology section should be streamlined, some explanations about ADDIE and sampling considerations appear repeated across segments.
- 3. Language clarity requires improvement in some areas due to long sentences, occasional grammatical inconsistencies, and redundant phrasing.
- 4. The discussion section occasionally repeats data already presented in the results; a sharper interpretation would strengthen academic coherence.
- 5. Minor formatting issues in tables, spacing, and alignment of subheadings must be corrected to meet IJAR's publication style.