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Harmonization of sharia and Bugis culture in the Maccera' Wettang ceremony

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ABSTRACT

Purpose – This study examines the social meanings and Islamic legal status of the Maccera' Wettang seventh-month pregnancy ceremony in Panincong Village and assesses selective harmonization of Sharia and Bugis custom.

Design – A qualitative socio-legal case study used observation, documentation, and interviews with eight purposively selected informants. Ritual components were analyzed through 'urf, attributed causality, purity, benefit or harm, and *maqāṣid al-sharī'ah*; SRQR guided reporting only.

Findings – Prayer, lawful food sharing, family support, and safe cleansing align with 'urf *sahih*. *Mappitto* and birthing simulations require non-divinatory interpretations; ritual chicken-blood application is 'urf *fāsid*. Massage safety and efficacy were not clinically evaluated.

Research Implications – The findings support considering participatory reform with maternal-health safeguards, not blanket acceptance or rejection. Generalization is limited by one village, eight informants, and the absence of intervention testing.

Originality – A component-based 'urf assessment links Islamic jurisprudence with living Bugis custom and proposes, rather than validates, a culturally sensitive reform pathway.