Indicators and Components for Developing a Model of Anti-Corruption Policy in Iran
(With an Electronic Government Approach)

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

Enhance the conceptual framework by clearly defining the theoretical foundations that underpin the study. Explain how electronic government principles can effectively address corruption challenges, drawing on specific theories or models in public administration and anti-corruption literature.

While the manuscript references relevant literature on anti-corruption and electronic government, it lacks a critical analysis of how these fields intersect and where gaps in knowledge exist. Conduct a more thorough literature review that critically examines the intersection of anti-corruption efforts and electronic government, identifying gaps that your study aims to address. This should include a discussion of how electronic government has been used or proposed as a tool in anti-corruption efforts globally.

The manuscript's theoretical contributions are implied but not explicitly articulated, particularly concerning the innovation of the proposed model in the context of Iran's specific governance and corruption challenges. Clearly articulate the theoretical contributions of your study. Discuss how your proposed model adds to the existing body of knowledge and what new perspectives or insights it offers for anti-corruption policy development, especially in the context of Iran.

Authors revised the manuscripts.

1.2.   Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

Provide a detailed account of the methodological framework, including the selection of data sources, data collection techniques, and the analytical methods used to identify and validate the proposed indicators and components. Discuss why this methodology is appropriate for your research objectives.

The presentation of data analysis results lacks depth and clarity, making it difficult to understand how conclusions were drawn and the relevance of identified indicators to the anti-corruption model. Improve the data analysis and presentation by including detailed tables, figures, or models that clearly show the identified indicators and components. Provide a thorough explanation of how these elements contribute to the development of an effective anti-corruption policy model.

The manuscript does not adequately address how the proposed model and its components have been validated or could be empirically tested within the context of Iran's governance structure. Discuss the steps taken or proposed for validating the model. This could include expert validation, pilot implementation, or simulation studies. Explain how feedback from these validation steps will be integrated into refining the model.

While the manuscript aims to offer policy recommendations, these are not clearly linked to the empirical findings or presented in a way that delineates actionable steps for policymakers or practitioners. Clearly articulate the practical implications of your findings. Offer specific, actionable policy recommendations that can be implemented to enhance anti-corruption efforts through electronic government initiatives. Discuss the potential challenges and limitations in implementing these recommendations.

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