Investigating the Potential Effects of Implementation of Value Added Tax in Iran

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The manuscript would benefit from a clearer explanation of the methodological choices, particularly the selection criteria for the companies included in the study. A more detailed justification of the time frame and its relevance to VAT's impact would enhance the reader's understanding of the study's scope.

While the manuscript references a range of sources, it could be enriched by incorporating more recent studies that discuss VAT implementation in contexts similar to Iran. This would provide a more comprehensive background and situate the study within current academic discussions.

The manuscript makes good use of statistical tools; however, a more in-depth explanation of the statistical models used, especially the choice of variables and the rationale behind them, would strengthen the paper. It would also be beneficial to discuss any limitations of the statistical methods employed.

The discussion section effectively ties the results to the study's objectives but could be expanded to compare these findings with those of similar studies in other countries. This comparison could provide insights into the specific impacts of VAT in Iran and contribute to a broader understanding of VAT's effects in different economic contexts.

The conclusion succinctly summarizes the findings but could be enhanced by including recommendations for policymakers in Iran based on the study's results. Additionally, suggesting areas for future research would be valuable for advancing the academic discourse on VAT implementation.

Minor typographical and grammatical errors need to be corrected to maintain the manuscript's professional quality. Additionally, ensuring consistency in formatting across tables and figures will improve the overall readability of the paper.

Response: Thank you for your comment. I will consider these comments.

1.2.   Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The current literature review provides a solid foundation but could be improved by integrating a theoretical framework that outlines the expected impact of VAT on inflation. This framework could help readers understand the mechanisms through which VAT influences economic indicators.

The methodology section briefly describes the data collection and analysis process. It would be beneficial to elaborate on the criteria for excluding certain companies and industries, providing a rationale based on how their inclusion might have skewed the results.

While the manuscript employs advanced statistical tools, the explanation and justification for the choice of specific models (e.g., Vector Autoregression) and their configurations could be elaborated upon. This would add to the transparency and reproducibility of the research.

The results section presents important findings on the relationship between VAT, liquidity, and inflation. A critical evaluation discussing the potential for confounding variables or alternative interpretations of the data would enrich the analysis.

The conclusion highlights the direct relationship between VAT and inflation but stops short of offering detailed policy implications. Expanding this section to propose specific recommendations for policymakers, based on the findings, would greatly enhance the manuscript's practical value.

While the paper briefly touches on limitations, a more thorough discussion on the constraints of the study, such as the generalizability of the findings beyond the Tehran Stock Exchange, could provide a more balanced view. Additionally, outlining potential avenues for future research would be beneficial.

Minor editorial revisions are needed to correct spelling and grammatical mistakes. Ensuring consistency in the use of terminology and statistical expressions throughout the paper would also aid in improving its clarity and professional presentation.

Response: Thank you for your comment. I will consider these comments.

2.   Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.
Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.