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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(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)</i>
Compulsory REVISION comments	This paper addresses a timely topic analyzing Iraq's import and export trade patterns and their repercussions. The paper is well written and very easy to read. However, there is no literature review. The organization of the paper is also good. In addition, the contribution of the paper to the existing body of knowledge is somewhat significant given that there are a handful of studies done in this area related to Iraq. One of the main limitations of the paper is that the paper is purely descriptive and there is no quantitative analysis of trade patterns. If the author introduces a quantitative analysis, the manuscript will become scientifically robust and technically sound. The manuscript does require some revisions. None of the 13 references is mentioned anywhere in the body of the paper.	I understand the current problems of my paper and as a result, I have extended and modified the analysis, while also adding literature review and general opinions on this topic in order to create a more factual background. Moreover, I have stated in a clearer and more comprehensive manner its aims and objectives and I have extended my research by adding more data and graphics that I analyzed statistically and used for forecasting the future of the Iraqi trade balance, relying on the established trend. In the attempt to relate to the international stage, I have made a comparison between the previously analyzed situation from Iraq and the one from two neighbouring countries. Furthermore, I have extended the discussions, results and conclusions, while putting emphasis on what the Iraqi government should further do given the actual context. Even though I have used information from all the sources listed, I have not cited them, but now I have modified the study and there are several references cited.



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<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	The author should have included data sources for Figures 1, 2, 3, and 4. In Line 187, “raise” should be changed to “rise”. In Line 198, 2012 should be changed to 2013. In Line 242, the definition of trade balance should be changed to the difference between exports and imports. In Line 247, 2012 should be changed to 2013.	I have added data sources for all the figures and I have corrected the several mistakes I made due to the lack of attention.
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	The author has not mentioned where the data came from. Online databases from International Monetary Fund have extensive trade data on Iraq’ trade and they could be used to perform a quantitative analysis of trade patterns.	I have added the sources for everything I have used from figures to citations. On the other hand, I have briefly explained the statistical method that I used for establishing a trade pattern and for forecasting future values. I have also modified the graphics in order to be more explicit and relevant.