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| <b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A recommended outline of the paper structure is: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction</li> <li>Literature Review</li> <li>The Model</li> <li>Data and Methodology</li> <li>Empirical Testing and Results</li> <li>Conclusions and Policy Implication</li> <li>References</li> </ol> </li> <li>A major deficiency is lack of literature review on in this research.</li> <li>It's recommended to look into the historical data and trade experience in the country studied. In other words, some statistical analysis is more convincing for the study.</li> <li>It's recommended to look into the economic experiences in trade in the neighbouring countries for comparison.</li> <li>The paper in the current form can only serve as the background of the study, not the study itself.</li> <li>In conclusion, the author(s) should find a specific question and collect data to test the hypothesis.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I have used the structure suggested in the general guideline, I thought it was mandatory to follow that pattern. However, it would be difficult to modify the whole structure now, but I have made several changes according to the reviews and I honestly hope that my paper fits the requirements now.</li> <li>I understand and have added more literature review to support my study.</li> <li>I have completed my research in order to strengthen my findings and conclusions, and to contribute to establishing a trend for forecasting Iraq's future imports and exports.</li> <li>Besides analyzing statistically the patterns established by the Iraqi state in terms of trade balance, I have modified the graphics, explaining how I computed the trend. I have further added some comments, comparing the results to the current situation in 2 neighboring countries, namely Syria and Iran.</li> <li>&amp; 6. I have made several changes in order for my study to be more explicit and comprehensive. I have stated its aims and justification in a clearer manner, added data and statistical computations, as well as restructuring the analysis, extending the discussions and results, elaborating the opinion regarding what the Iraqi government should further do given the actual context that I have previously described.</li> </ol> |
| <b>Minor</b> REVISION comments      | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Optional/General</b> comments    | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |