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| Journal Name: | [**South Asian Journal of Social Studies and Economics**](https://journalsajsse.com/index.php/SAJSSE) |
| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_SAJSSE\_135004** |
| Title of the Manuscript: | **What do ten million observations say about the macroeconomic determinants of crime?** |
| Type of the Article | **Original Research Article** |

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| **PART 1: Comments** | | |
|  | **Reviewer’s comment**  **Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated or assisted review comments are strictly prohibited during peer review.** | **Author’s Feedback** *(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)* |
| **Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.** | Crime is important not only for India but also for the world. For this reason, I read this paper with a deep motivation. The research investigates the relationships between macroeconomic variables and crime in India using the ARDL model. | Positive statement. No need for change |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not, please suggest an alternative title)** | The title should be more scientific. You do not write a newspaper or popular scientific journal title. Even though I understand the urgency of the problem for India, you can describe the title with more suitable concepts and words. | Changed the title to “Do Macroeconomic Variables Drive Crime Types? Long-Term Evidence from India”. |
| **Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.** | The structured abstract is OK. Maybe you can give more detailed and numerical insights about your paper. | Positive statement. No need for change |
| **Is the manuscript scientifically correct? Please write here.** | There are positive and negative sides to the research.   1. The numerical analysis (ARDL) and its utilisation are OK. 2. There is no literature review and problem development with a clear research question and research gap. 3. There is no discussion section. | Problem statement with research gap and research question added at the end of introduction. Literature review was not included separately, but was discussed in the relevant sections. We believe that this approach will serve the purpose more effectively rather than adding a separate section dealing with literature review alone |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have**  **suggestions for additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | No | No suggestion |
| **Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?** | Yes. | Positive statement. No need for change |
| **Optional/General** comments | The research suffers from the problems of a literature review section, a discussion section and a more detailed introduction section. Although the analysis is correct, you can utilise log transformation in the dataset. | Literature review was not included separately, but was discussed in the relevant sections. We believe that this approach will serve the purpose more effectively rather than adding a separate section dealing with literature review alone. Discussion section was already there and details added to introduction. Since log transformation has not resulted in significant difference in the result, it was avoided. |

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| **PART 2:** | | |
|  | **Reviewer’s comment** | **Author’s comment** *(if agreed with the reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)* |
| **Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?** | *No.* | Positive comment |