

## REVIEWER'S REPORT

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**Title:** Assessing the Impact of US Reciprocal Tariffs on Indonesian Trade Balance and Economic Growth

### Recommendation:

Accept as it is .....  
 Accept after minor revision.....yes...  
 Accept after major revision .....  
 Do not accept (*Reasons below*) .....

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		√		
Techn. Quality		√		
Clarity			√	
Significance			√	

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### Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

*(To be published with the manuscript in the journal)*

*The reviewer is requested to provide a brief comment (3-4 lines) highlighting the significance, strengths, or key insights of the manuscript. This comment will be Displayed in the journal publication alongside with the reviewers name.*

This manuscript offers a rigorous and policy-relevant investigation into the macroeconomic implications of US reciprocal tariffs on Indonesia. The paper presents a strong empirical case with quantitative modeling, making it valuable for policymakers and scholars interested in global trade dynamics and protectionism.

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### Detailed Reviewer's Report

#### Strengths:

- Highly Relevant Topic:** The manuscript addresses timely concerns regarding trade protectionism and its impact on emerging economies like Indonesia.
- Robust Methodology:** Uses a time-series econometric regression model with a well-structured set of equations and relevant data spanning from 2010 to 2024.
- Clarity in Theoretical Framework:** Effectively integrates multiple economic theories such as Comparative Advantage, Thirlwall's Law, and Endogenous Growth Theory.
- Empirical Validity:** Presents statistically significant findings with strong coefficients of determination ( $R^2$ ), confirming the robustness of the model.
- Policy Relevance:** Offers practical recommendations for diversification, industrial competitiveness, and digital trade transformation.

#### Weaknesses:

- Data Source Transparency:** While sources are mentioned, more detail is needed on data preprocessing and potential limitations.
- Overemphasis on Hypothetical Scenarios:** The assumptions around tariff impacts and GDP effects rely on ceteris paribus conditions that may not reflect real-world complexity.
- Figure and Table Labeling:** Some visual elements (e.g., figures and tables) need clearer labels and integration with the text for better comprehension.
- Linguistic Refinement:** Minor grammatical errors and verbose expressions should be revised for clarity and professionalism.

#### Significance:

- This paper contributes important insights for developing economies navigating shifts in global trade policy.
- Relevant for economic policymakers, trade negotiators, and academic researchers in international economics.