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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (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)
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript) 2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title) 3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? 4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate? 5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct? 6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form. <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<p>It comes under Social Science</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes, minor corrections – see the attachment</p> <p>The subject related to social science and it is appropriate to that extent.</p> <p>Yes, Additional references are given here under:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An understanding of how GDP, Unemployment and Inflation Interact and Change across time and frequency – www.mdpi.com/journal/economies 2. What happens when inflation and unemployment are positively correlated – www.investopedia.com 3. The relationship between unemployment and inflation – evidence from U.S. Economy 4. Relationship between inflation and unemployment the ardl bound testing approach for turkey 5. The determinants of inflation - https://mitsloan.mit.edu/ 6. The relationship among changes in GDP, Employment and Unemployment: This time, its different – Economic synopses 7. IMF Working paper – The Macroeconomic effects of public investment: Evidence from Advanced Economies – International Monetary Fund 	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? 	<p>Good</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Abstract: The Abstract is properly presented and needs no changes 2. Introduction: The introduction part is properly executed indicating all the necessary information and touching the relevant points so as to give a comprehensive idea about the subject understudy – needs no change. 	

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	<p>3. Literature Review:</p> <p>A literature review is concise with relevant information from the past and present information. However I have given some more references from which the author can add more information in support of the article.</p> <p>4. Methods and Data:</p> <p>This being social science article, the author aptly dependent on the secondary data available for his research work. According to the author, <i>“the study was conducted in Central Java Province encompassing a research scope that spanned 35 regencies and cities in this region”</i>.</p> <p>The author also mentioned that,</p> <p><i>“The data source for this research is secondary, meaning it was not collected directly but rather obtained from external sources, whether two individuals or documents. Specifically the data used in this study is sourced from the <u>Bureau Of Statistics (BPS)</u> and consists of annual data for the years 2019 to 2022”</i></p> <p>Comment:</p> <p>Though the method and methodology in obtaining secondary data is correct and in accordance with the author’s research work but in my opinion the period in which the data is collected i.e. <i>“data for the years 2019-2022”</i> is in appropriate, though it is theoretically correct but the period will not reflect the true facts because,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. In that period covid-19 pandemic is rampant throughout the world and Indonesia is no exceptionb. The data taken in that period is the peak of covid-19 and aftermath and in such situation, there cannot be any investment because all the resources are diverted towards containing the pandemic, to save the lives of the people even at the cost of closure of production units giving holidays to many industries including consumable goods except essential commodities that are not to be impacted as per the ground reality of every country. <p>The author mentioned in the introduction in Page No. 2,</p>	
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>“One of the variables that can affect the unemployment rate is investment. Investment is one of the indicators that can overcome unemployment, namely by realizing investment opportunities in the private sector to invest, to create jobs for people who are generally still unemployed”.</i>2. According to Research by Kurniawan (4), it was noted that investment plays a pivotal role in exerting a significant detrimental impact on the open unemployment rate.3. Prior research has yielded inconclusive findings concerning the impact of investment on the unemployment rate.4. <i>“In addition to investment and GRDP, inflation is another variable that goes sway over the open unemployment rate. The inclusion of the inflation variable in this study serves the purpose of providing a more comprehensive understanding of the various facts impacting the open unemployment rate, with inflation being a significant one among them, inflation characterized by price hikes, is driven by shifts in demand and can indirectly influence unemployment levels. Specially, when inflation rates sore the demand for products tends to increase, leading to a heightened need for labour to meet this upsurge in demand. Paradoxically this surge in labour demand can lead to reduction in unemployment. This phenomenon aligns with the principle of demand economics, wherein an increase in product demand results in higher product prices due to limited availability”.</i> (Page No. 2) <p>Investment negatively effects the open unemployment rate.</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>As already mentioned by me theoretically in accordance with the subject of the research work, the researcher/author is correct. But unfortunately, the period (2019-2022) chosen by the researcher/author will not reflect the true nature of the situation according to the statements 1 to 4 mentioned above because covid-19 pandemic and aftermath the investment either by the government or private or other sources is zero or negligible, due to the fact all governments worldwide concentrated and diverted entire funds available in containing the covid-19 to save the lives of the people, as such all the resources are diverted towards health, healthcare sector. Hence, investment in other sectors that are productive according to the author and gives employment opportunities, reduce inflation, support demand to meet the requirements of the public have no place.</p>	
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	<p>However, it does not mean that the researcher is not in line with the research work. That is why mentioned theoretically the researcher is correct but only he failed in choosing the period for the collection of secondary data which is in an unusual stage as discussed above and will not support the author on his research work. Any research work in which the researcher has to prove his aims and objectives, the importance lies on selection, collection and identification of Sample and Sampling. Except this, otherwise the researcher/author has succeeded in his attempt.</p> <p>5. Results and Discussions:</p> <p>The author/researcher succeeded in the attempt of giving a reasonable descriptive analysis with the help of statistical methods in support of the work. One can appreciate his attempt in including statistical method like Q-Square test, presenting an hypothesis and discussing it in addition to the direct effects and indirect effects are all too good to appreciate.</p> <p>6. Conclusion:</p> <p>The author is able to conclude this research work in line with the aims and objectives mentioned earlier.</p> <p>7. Findings: Not mentioned separately</p> <p>Suggestion: The author should separate the "findings" from the conclusion part as suggested below.</p> <p><u>Findings:</u> <i>"These findings offer pertinent recommendations for policy makers.</i></p> <p><i>Firstly.....issue of unemployment" (Page No. 8)</i></p> <p>8. Limitation of the study: Not mentioned</p> <p>Suggestion: In any research article, it is responsibility of the researcher to mention the limitations of the study because every research work will have limitations and researcher will do the work within that limits only.</p>	
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PART 2:

	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>
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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