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<b>Optional/General</b> comments	<p>Here are some revision suggested for the article titled “ The impact of the Iran-China Strategic Partnership Agreement on facilitating Iran’s foreign trade: A case study of selected goods exports”</p> <p><b>Theoretical Framework:</b> The use of the gravity model is appropriate, but the paper doesn’t consider other trade theories, like comparative advantage or Heckscher-Ohlin, which might offer additional perspectives. Moreover, while the limitations of the gravity model are acknowledged, there’s little discussion of how the analysis addresses these shortcomings.</p> <p><b>Methodology:</b> The data spans from 2001 to 2021, a period that includes major global events like sanctions and financial crises. However, the paper doesn’t discuss whether these events caused structural changes in trade patterns. Additionally, it would have been helpful to see more robustness checks or sensitivity analyses to strengthen confidence in the results.</p> <p><b>Data and Analysis:</b> Variables like GDP and population could be highly correlated, potentially leading to multicollinearity issues, but the paper doesn’t explore this. Also, the interpretation of the cross-border trade index is somewhat inconsistent, as its impact varies across product categories, but these differences aren’t clearly explained.</p> <p>Lastly, there are minor language issues and some repetitive phrases that detract from the overall readability. Additionally, some graphs and tables are not fully explained, which makes it harder to understand their significance.</p>	

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