



Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB) intervention and Macro determinants of Afghani exchange rate (2009-2018)

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Abstract

Such study is Under the Title of The DAB intervention and macro Determinants of Afghani Exchange rate during (2009-2018). Two Different Model was applied to in order to Receive a credible Findings from the Data, thus Multi collinearity, Autocorrelation & Heteroscedasticity tests are done before the Multiple Regression Model, in order the first model stated that the overall model is Significant and DAB intervention in Exchange rate is with opposite of its Monetary policy Objectives, meaning that the Foreign Exchange and Capital Notes auctions have positive relationship with Exchange rate and thus increasing the Volatility of Exchange rate and the overall second model is Significant and shown that The GDP with a Significant Negative Relation, BM with a Significant positive Relation and Real IR had insignificant positive Relation with The Exchange rate.

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Introduction

The rate of One currency in Exchange of other Currency is called Exchange rate. This price is Either of Domestic Currency Units per foreign Currency or Vice versa (Philbeam, 2006). Foreign exchange rate intervention is any announcements or transactions by an Official Agent of Government in order to influence the value of Exchange rate, the intervention is done through monetary authorities in most countries (Dominguez, 1998) ^[7]. After the Breakdown of Bretton woods fixed Exchange rate system in 1973, many countries adopted floating Exchange rate regime and the volatility become an inevitably fact the in these countries, and thus volatility refers to all changes or movements which has impact in Depreciation or Appreciation of a Currency (Kilicarslan, Z.,2018) ^[12]. The intervention in Exchange rate was left to Countries, till 1977 the IMF Executive Board provided an intervention policy Guidance: 1) Countries should not Manipulate Exchange rate in order for the Adjustments of Balance of Payment or to Gain Unfair Competitive Advantage. 2) Countries should intervene to counter Disorderly Market Conditions. 3) Countries should take into Account the interest of other countries in Exchange rate. (Dominguez, 1998) ^[7]. The above three principles explicitly states that in order to decrease volatility in exchange rate countries can use intervention policy.

The central banks define intervention narrowly which refers to sale or purchase of Foreign Assets against Domestic assets in Foreign exchange market (Dominguez, 1998) ^[7]. To Achieve Monetary Policy Objectives, the monetary authorities or Central Bank Sell and Purchase Foreign Currency against Domestic Currency (kiarie, 2012). According the motives of interventions are: to Effect the level of Exchange rate, to Effect the Speed of Currency (appreciation or Depreciation), Effect the volatility in Exchange rate and others (Adler and mora, 2011) ^[3].

There are two kind of intervention in Exchange rate sterilized intervention refers to when authorities in short time intervene by the same token the monetary base is not effected, it is said to be offset action, non-sterilized intervention refer to when in an intervention the monetary base is effected it is said Tobe No offset Action thus the exchange rate can be effected (sarno and Taylor, year, 2001) ^[1].

Materials and Method

The research is conducted based on secondary data which is collected from IMF, WDI, DAB Monetary Department directly from (2009 - 2018). According to the issue, two models are applied, the first one is DAB intervention that incurred (120) months data of Foreign Exchange Auction (USD sales) and Capital notes auction (buying Afghani) the independent variable and Exchange rate (AF/USD) dependent variable. The second model has three macro variables GDP, Broad money (M2) and Real interest rate as Independent variables and Exchange rate (AF/USD) Dependent variable. Before running the multiple Regression for credibility of findings the Stationary, Multi-collinearity, Autocorrelation and Heteroscedasticity tests are applied, The Analysis is done through Stata-14 statistical software.

First Model

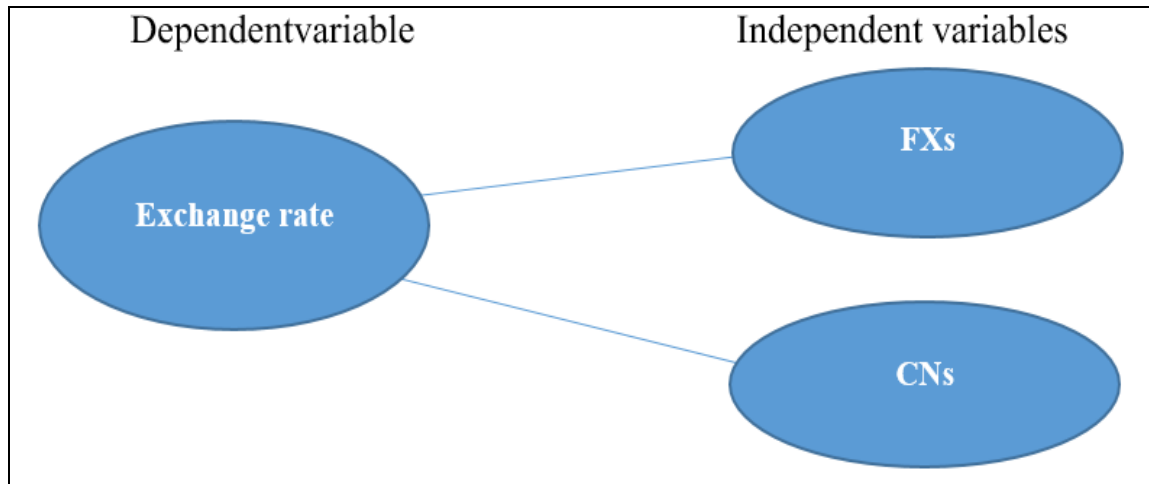


Fig 1

First Model Equation:

$$\text{Ln_ERt/Ln_ERt-1} = \alpha + \text{Ln_FXt/Ln_ERt-1} * X1 + \text{Ln_CNT/Ln_CNT-1} * X2 + \epsilon t$$

Second Model

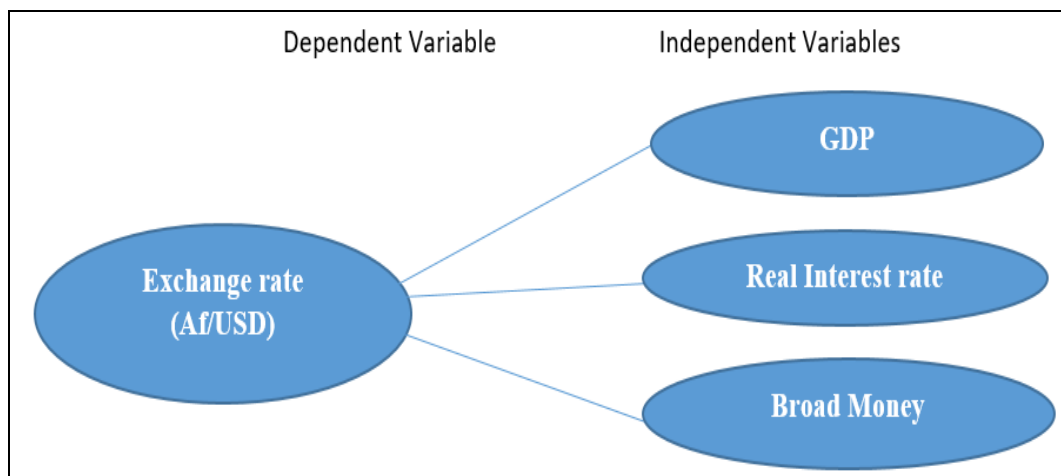


Fig 2

Equation for second Model:

$$\text{Exchange rate (Af/USD)} = \alpha + \beta_1(\text{GDP}) + \beta_2(\text{Real IR}) + \beta_3(\text{Broad Money}) + \epsilon t$$

Results and Discussion

For the analysis of the first model, the below mentioned test was applied, the Augmented Dicky fuller (ADF) test was applied for stationarity and indicated that the data is stationary in its first difference, the bruesch-pagan test for Multi-collinearity checking and the Durbin Watson test for checking Autocorrelation are shown in Table. 1.

Table 1: Regression of the First model

Source	SS	DF	MS			
Model	.954787886	2.477393943		No of obs = 119 F(2,116) = 29.18 Prob>F = 0.0000 R-squared = 0.3347 Adj R-squared = 0.3232 Root MSE = 0.12792		
Residuals	1.8980908	116.016362852				
Total	2.85287869	118.024176938				
Ln-ER	Coef. Std.error. t P> t [95% conf. interval]					
Ln-Fxs	0.0980773	0.025438	3.86	0.000	0.0476942	1.484604
Ln-CNs	0.0748884	0.0154197	4.86	0.000	0.0443477	1.1054291
Constant	0.0552747	0.5721568	0.10	0.92	-1.077954	1.188503

Source: calculated by stata

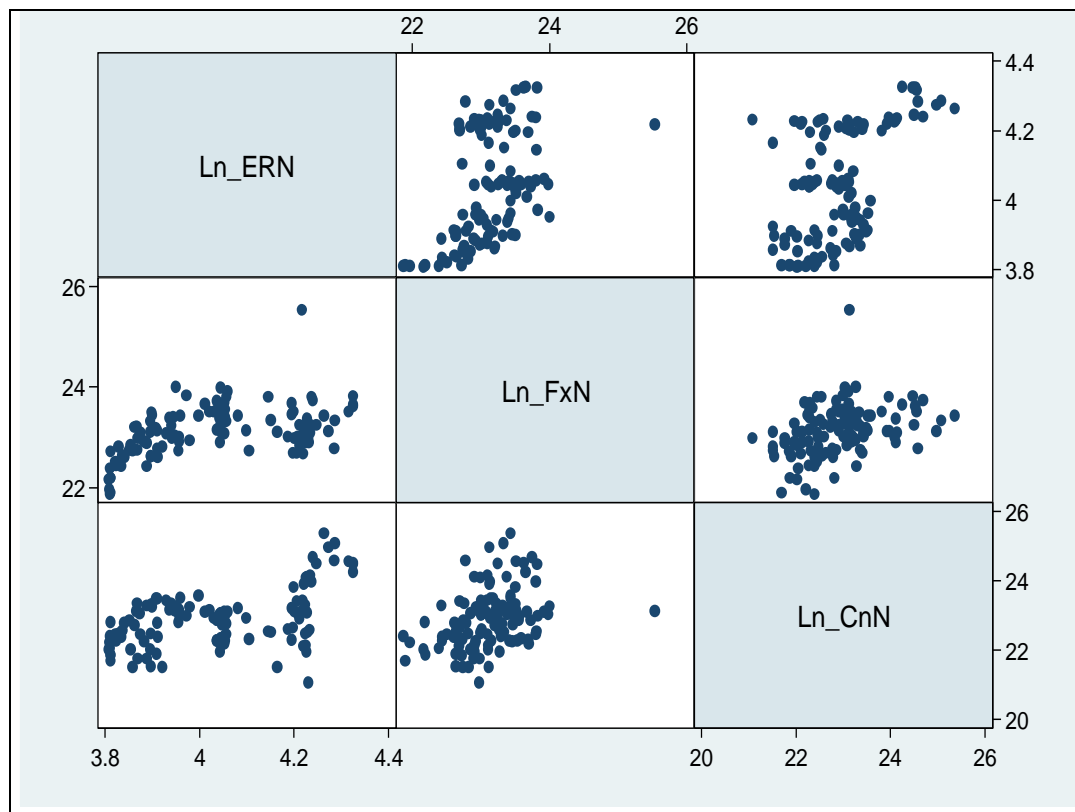


Fig 3: ER, FX & CNs

As mentioned in Table. 1, there are 119 monthly observation with the Existence of one Dependent variable (i.e= Ln-Exchange rate) and two independent variable (i.e= Ln-Foreign Exchange and Ln-Capital Notes) in which the overall test is significant in 5% significance level and R-squared is 0.3347 it means that the two dependent variable can Explain the relation with dependent variable by 33.47%, the coefficients point out that the FXs has significant positive relationship with Exchange rate meaning that a one million increase in FX auction the Exchange rate increased by 0.0980773 (Going to be Depreciated)and CNs also has significant positive relationship with Exchange rate meaning that a one million increase in CN auction the Exchange rate increased by 0.0748884 (Going to be Depreciated) the constant term show that if the overall Effect of these two variables Omitted the monthly change in Exchange rate would be 0.0552747.

Table 2: Regression for the Second model

Source	SS	DF	MS		
Model	888.268515	3	296.089505	No of obs = 11	
Residuals	108.293833	7	15.4705476	F(2,116) = 19.14	
Total	996.562348	10	99.6562348	Prob>F = 0.0009	
ER	Coef. Std.error. t P> t [95% conf. interval]			R-squared = 0.8913	
GDP	-2.276252	0.8391354	-2.71	0.030	-4.26049 - .2920144
Real-IR	0.1684747	0.2919705	0.58	0.582	-.5219259.8588753
BM	0.1429208	0.0263913	5.42	0.001	.0805153.2053263
Constant	46.83023	9.477092	4.94	0.002	24.42046 69.2399
					Adj R-squared = 0.8448
					Root MSE = 3.9333

Source: Calculated by stata

The above (Table. 2) there are Eleven years' observation incurred from 2008 to 2018. The overall applied regression is significance with a 0.8913 R-squared value meaning that the three independent variables such as GDP, Real interest rate and Broad money can Explain Dependent variable Exchange rate by 89.13%. the coefficients shows that the GDP has significant negative relation with Exchange rate (i.e= if one billion of GDP is increased the Exchange rate would decrease by -2.276252 indicates appreciation of Afghani against USD) the Real-IR has insignificant positive relation with Exchange rate (i.e= if one percent of Real-IR is increased the Exchange rate would Increase by 0.1684747 indicates Depreciation of Afghani against USD) and the BM has significant positive relation with Exchange rate (i.e= if one billion of Broad money supply is increased the Exchange rate would increase by 0.1429208 indicates depreciation of Afghani against USD).

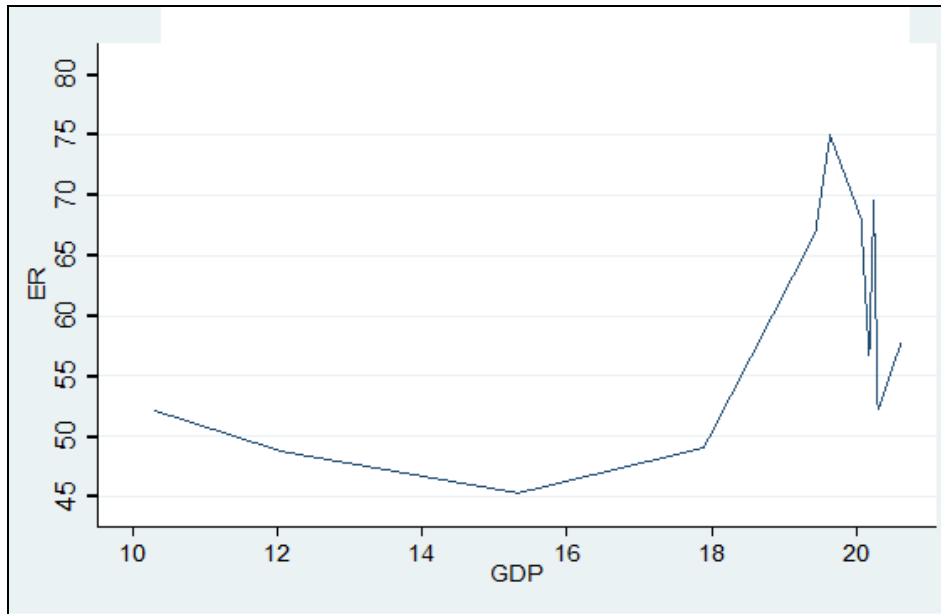


Fig 4: Exchange rate and GDP relation

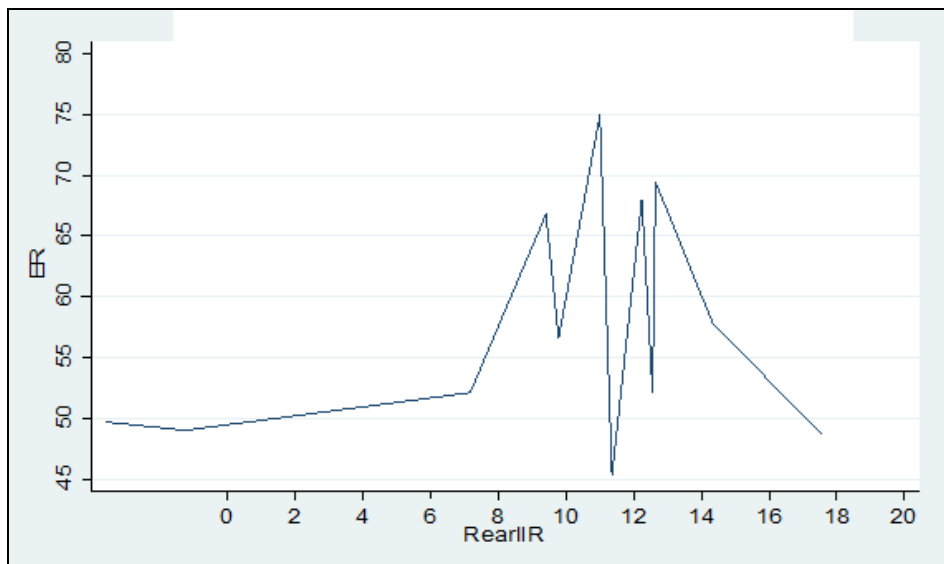


Fig 5: Exchange rate and RIR relation

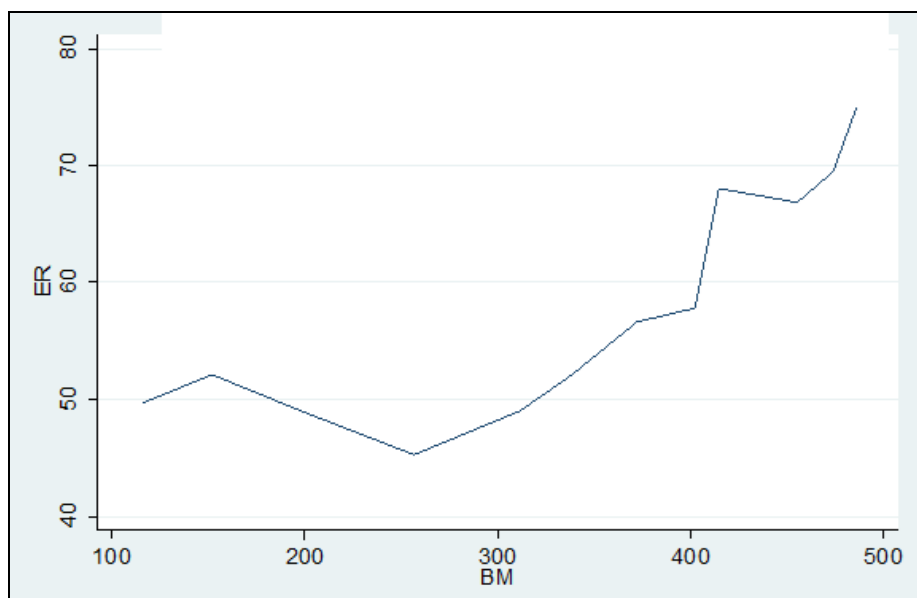


Fig 6: Exchange rate and board money relation

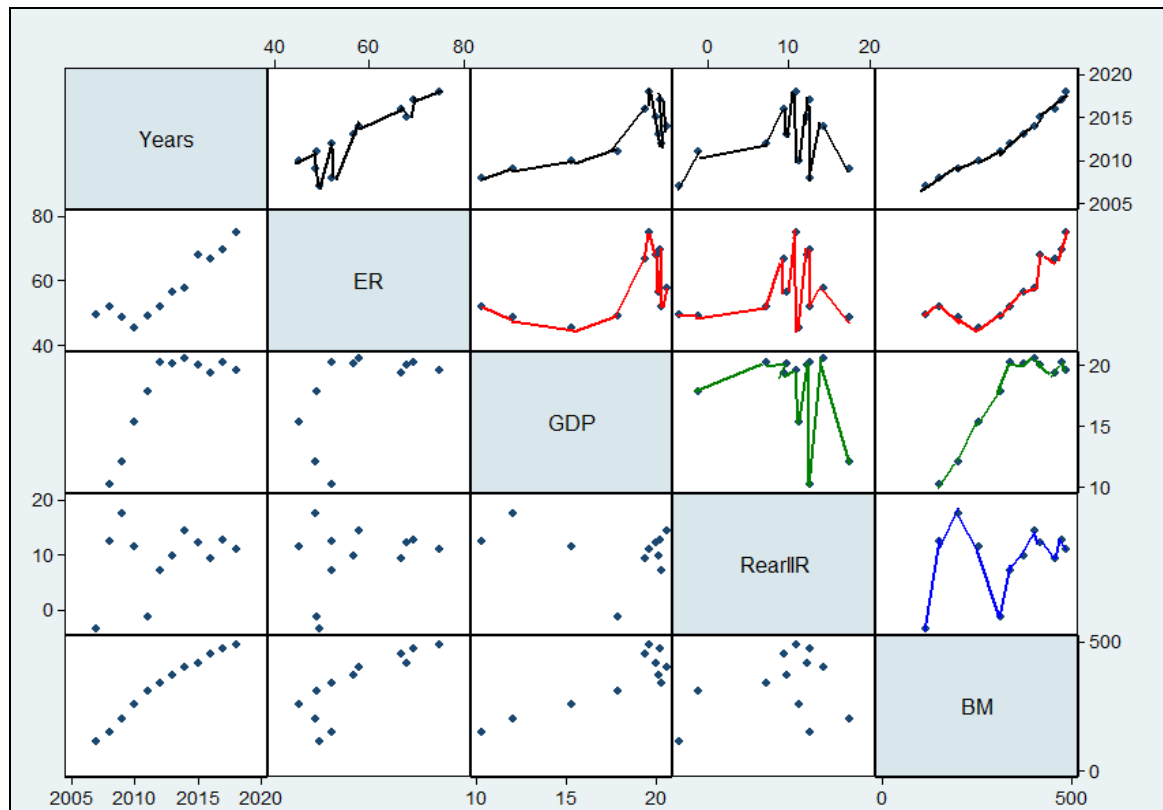


Fig 7: Scatterplot Matrix of the second model

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Conclusion

1. There was a significant positive relation of DAB intervention by Foreign Exchange with Exchange rate, it means that the Foreign Exchange auction is Depreciating Afghani Exchange rate, and this non sterilized intervention at the mentioned period was ineffective regarding DAB monetary policy objective.
2. There was a significant positive relation of DAB intervention by Capital notes with Exchange rate, which means that the Capital notes auction is Depreciating Afghani Exchange rate, and this non sterilized intervention at the mentioned period was ineffective regarding DAB monetary policy objective.
3. The study found a significant positive relation between BM and Afghani Exchange rate, that means the increase in the supply of BM Depreciating Afghani/USD Exchange rate, so the authorities should Consider the money supply Effects in the Economy.
4. The study revealed a significant negative relation between GDP and Afghani Exchange rate, which means that the increase in country's GDP value leads Appreciation of Afghani/USD Exchange rate.
5. The study indicates a significant positive relation between R-IR and Afghani Exchange rate and that means the increase in Real-IR leads Depreciation of Afghani/USD Exchange rate. The Real-IR may cause of more Consumption in GDP components which is already financed by imports and may imposed downward pressure on Afghani.

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