THE FINANCIAL INTEGRATION: AN EMPIRICAL ANALYSIS OF PAKISTAN

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Abstract

In this paper, integration of financial markets in Pakistan with those in United Kingdom, have been investigated. For this purpose we have tested the presence of co integration among Call money Rates (CMR) and t-bills rates (TBR) of Pakistan and UK using data over the period 2000 M01 to 2012 M12. For short run causality, we have estimated Vector Error Correction model. While in the short run interest rates are not associated with each other and there is no evidence of Granger causality from either side.

Keywords: T-bills, Call Money Rates, Financial Markets

Introduction

Integration of financial market has significantly increased during the period of 1980s and 1990s. Wave of recent reforms and internationalization in emerging markets has enhanced linkage within various sectors of national and international markets. Some of the key factors behind this change are increased globalization of investment in order to get higher rates of return and diversification of risk internationally. Several researches are conducted on financial integration.

Investigation by Obstfeld (1994) explains that now the admittance towards capital markets has raised the prospects of Portfolio Diversification for the investors and also provides them with more potential opportunities to obtain a higher risk-adjusted rate of return. International Risk Sharing also leads economies towards plain consumption pattern during the periods of adverse shocks, better growth and welfare benefits. Strong integration is present in domestic call money market with the LIBOR and robust co-movement between domestic foreign exchange market and LIBOR Jain & Bhanumurthy (2005). Feldstein and Horoika (1980) used annual data of OECD countries for the period 1960-74, to test the financial market integration. High saving investment correlation indicate low capital mobility was determined by (Feldstein 1983, Tobin 1983, Penati and Dooley 1984, Dooley et.al. 1984, Sinn 1992 and Bayoumi 1990). Many direct and indirect methodologies were used which also concluded that capital is

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not perfectly mobile Monadjem (1990), further study by Haque and Montiel (1994) gauges the level of monetary autonomy in struggling economies which resulted that the capital mobility level is quite greater.

Pakistan also implemented policies similar to various other emerging economies of financial sector reform and liberalization as early as the 1990s. Transformation and reform factors implemented a positive effect on the economy, which improved credit rating by appreciation of the currency. As a result of these reforms and deregulation of many sectors of the economy, the movements of important financial market indicators such as exchange rates, stock prices and interest rates became reflective of market forces. Dynamic linkage among exchange rate, stock and money markets was determined by Khalid & Rajaguru (2006)

The primary objective of the study is to investigate whether the financial liberalization undertaken in Pakistan since 2000 has created integration among domestic and foreign market. Further to analyze it there is any relation or co-movement among the rate of returns in Pakistan and UK. This study is structured as follows: section two discusses literature review related to the financial integration. Third section consists of theoretical framework followed by fourth section about data, model and methodology description. Data interpretation and results will be discussed in the fifth section. Sixth section concludes of the paper followed by the references.

Literature Review

Financial Markets integration is a process of mingling markets which makes them enough potent to allow union or risk adjustment on assets possessing related maturity. The financial growth is evident and admitted around the world which is resultant from deregulation, globalization and enhancement in information and technology sectors. (Sundarajan *et al*, 2003) clarifies that the hierarchal structure of financial markets portray that domestic financial markets are at top and then followed by global and regional markets. Moreover, the advantages of domestic financial markets are difficult to match as compared to international financial markets. Now the central banks of different countries across the globe are struggling to expand financial markets especially because of several crises faced during 1990s. Expectation was developed financial market to be better integrated in developed markets. Highly integrated financial markets also help investors to diversify and their individual's portfolio risk by investing in different countries worldwide.

Study by Levine (2001) proved that international financial integration has a positive impact on overall productivity. The financial productivity also leads to the financial liberty which broadens the depth and breadth of financial markets. It leads to the increased effectiveness level of financial intermediation processes. It is obtained because of reduced costs and increased profits which are related with monopolistic and centralized markets. This overall approaches to lower cost of investment and enhanced resource utilization. (Levine, 1996; Caprio and Honhan, 1999). Benefits of Financial market integration also create some risks and entails costs. Fear associated with integration were heightened by a series of several financial crises - including peso crisis of December 1994 in Mexico, collapse of the Thai Baht prompted the Asian crisis in July 1997, August 1998 Russian crisis, and finally the collapse of the Brazilian Real in 1999. Study conducted by Ayuso & Blanco (1999) suggested that during the nineties there has been an increase of the level of market integration between stock markets of different nations. Investigation conducted by Bhoi and Dhal (1998) studied this issue by using monthly data up to 1997. This study also explained that domestic financial markets are integrated with each other but it is not the case when we check their integration with international markets. Severe increased in last two decades was noted due to International financial market integration, leading to financial interconnectedness not only of regions but also of geographically distant country

In most of the countries around the world the liberalization of capital account has been slowed down because of the fact that international financial integration which inflates capital inflows encourages the appreciation of real exchange rates. Dornbusch and Park, (1994) the analysis of financial markets also brings out another policy aspect which shows increasing significance of foreign interest rates in the formation of domestic rates. The level of integration not only influences the behavior of domestic rates but also has serious impacts on the decisions of monetary authorities towards independent monetary policies formation.

Dynamic relationship between South Asian Market (India, Sri Lanka and Pakistan) and with major developed markets (US, UK and

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Japan) was investigated by Lamba (2003). Results indicated that the large developed equity markets influence market of Indian market and this relationship has build up in recent time. India does not influence the stock markets of Sri Lanka and Pakistan; rather Pakistan and Sri Lanka stock markets are relatively isolated. Comparison among emerging countries and developed countries financial integration was done by Kumar Tambi (2008).Countries selected were USA, CANADA, UK, Singapore, Malaysia and India sample was selected for the purpose of the investigation. Several tests were used for co-integration; results disagree with existing literatures. Study also specified that world equity market is divided; where developed nations and emerging markets are in separate grouping. India was found positively correlated with all the markets, but this relationship is not highly positive. Makin (1996) stated that there is a consensus that UIP remained unsuccessful to provide any information regarding the financial integration level. Casual relationship between monetary variables and equity return was determined by Hasan & Javed (2009). Variable used were treasury bills, foreign exchange rate and the consumer price index. Results reveal that there is negative relation of exchange rate on equity returns. Similarly interest rate also has negative impact on equity returns. The eras of developments in financial market of Pakistan can broadly be segregated into following segments, 1947-1960, 1961-1970, 1971-1990 and 1991 to date periods. The Private Sector development was dominant in the period of 1947-1960. This development was overtaken by Public Sector during the years 1961-1970. The era of 1971-1990 shows further enhancement of public sector and the shrinking of private sector as all the banks were publicized. Liberalization stance in Pakistan was witnessed 1990 onward, when Government supported market Securities come in to existence along. After initiation of long term securities in year 1992 market long term yield curve started giving opportunity. Private Sector also brought many instruments which became reality in 1995 i.e. the issuance of first TFC. The actual growth became rapid in from year 2000 with the introduction of long term instruments which were Pakistan Investment Bonds (PIBs). Under the umbrella of President Pervez Musharraf government, in 1999 onward shift occurred in from of state ownership of several industries and heavy regulation of the shift of private economy to privatization of a few state industries under heavy regulations. But still, slack in fiscal and

monetary policies, infrastructural shortage, a poorly developed human resource support, and persistent market twist that benefit small privileged landowners, industrialists, and others undercut economic potential. Several factors affected the economic growth during this era firstly sensitive issue of Pakistan and India relations during 2000-2002, military tensions across the border with India where a million troops on the border was on vigilant, giving predictions of approaching (potentially nuclear) war. Secondly incident of history, post 9/11 armed forces attack in neighborhood Afghanistan, brought a significant arrival of immigrant from that state. Thirdly natural tragedy in 2005 affected the building economy 2005 earthquake across the northern areas of Pakistan. Regardless of these unfavorable actions, Pakistan's market showed increasing trend, and financial development picked up the pace towards the closing stages of phase. This flexibility has escorted to a transform view of several international institutions such as the World Bank, International Monetary Funds, and the Asian Development Bank for admiring Pakistan's performance and economy while facing all adverse conditions during these years.

The reduction in government borrowings from domestic money markets has lead to the decrease in fiscal deficit. This fiscal deficit reduction is also because of lowering of interest rates and growth in private sector lending to the businesses and consumers. Foreign exchange reserves continued to grow in 2003, supported by robust export growth and steady worker remittances. Credit card market continued its strong growth with sales crossing the 1 million mark in mid-2005 Foreign Direct Investment has raised sharply to US\$ 949.4 million as compared to \$376 million in 1999. Pakistan's official currency, the rupee (Rs), has devalued against the U.S. dollar for over a decade. The official exchange rate was Rs4.76 and Rs9.85 to US\$1 in 1970 and 1980, Rs21.61 and Rs53.65 to US\$1 in 1990 and 2000, and approximately RS.86 to US\$1 in Dec 2010.

Theoretical Framework

In this study we use this co-integration approach to examine the integration of returns in both domestic and foreign markets. One of the pre-requisites for undertaking the co-integration framework is that the variables that are expected to have long-run relationship should have the same order of integration:

$i_{t,k} = \alpha + \beta i *_{t,k}$

Where 'i' and 'i*' are the return (interest rates) in domestic and foreign markets respectively and the constant term is a wedge parameter between interest rates possibly caused by a risk premium or other asset differences. The co-relation matrix is used to check the negative or positive relationship among the variables.

In order to find co-integration among financial markets Pakistan and United Kingdom we selected following TBR & CMR of bother countries, Exchange Rate (Rs/\$) and LIBOR from year 2000-2012. Similar variables are investigated by (Adnan et. al., 2009; Hasan & Javed 2009; Rehman et. al., 2009). T-bills are short-term debt obligation backed by the government with a maturity of less than one year. Treasury Bills (T-bills) are the most money-making market security and short-term securities that are grown-up in one year or less from their issue date. Such securities are issued with three-month, six-month and one-year maturities. T-bills are among the one of essential way government raise money from the public. The only negative aspect to Tbills is that returns are not great because Treasuries are unusually safe. Call money Rate (CMR) is a short-term money market that lend at interbank rates to large financial institutions, such as mutual funds, banks and corporations to borrow and lend money at interbank rates. The loans in the CMR are very short, usually lasting no longer than a week and mostly used to help banks gather reserve requirements. LIBOR or the Tbill United Kingdom (TBRUK) yield plus basis points are used as reference rate by most of the swaps and floating rate contracts on the global dollar. The spread between LIBOR and T-bill yields over the life of a contract affects long-term financing costs for a growing number of financial instruments. LIBOR is higher. Similar variables are used by several studies conducted by (Bhoi & Dhal 1998; Jain & Bhanumurty 2005).

In order to investigate the co-integration in financial market of of Pakistan and United Kingdom financial market following hypothesis has been developed.

H0: No co-integration between CMR of both countries

H1: There is co-integration between CMR of both countries

H0: No co-integration between TBR of both countries

- H1: There is co-integration between TBR of both countries
- H0: No co-integration between TBRPAK and LIBOR
- H1: There is co-integration between TBRPAK and LIBOR

H0: No co-integration between CMRPAK and LIBOR

H1: There is co-integration between CMRPAK and LIBOR

H0: No co-integration between ER of Pakistan and LIBOR

H1: There is co-integration between ER of Pakistan and LIBOR

H0: There no is co-integration between CMR and TBR of Pakistan

H1: There is co-integration between CMR and TBR of Pakistan

Data and Methodology

Our data consist of monthly rates of the entire domestic (Pakistan) and foreign (United Kingdom) variables. Variables selected for analysis are T-Bill Rate (TBR), Call Money Rate (CMR), Exchange Rate (Rs/\$) and London Inter Bank Offered Rate (LIBOR). The sample period is 1st Jan 2000, to 31st Dec 2012, which includes 96 monthly observations for each variable used. All the variables are expressed in Natural Logarithm. The sources for data collection are State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), Economic Survey of Pakistan, and IMF CD-2009. All the estimations for tests are done in E-Views (6).

Unit Root Testing for Stationarity

Notion of a spurious regression was introduced by Granger-Newbold (1974). According to researchers macroeconomic variables are in general non-stationary and involving variables in regressions at different levels of variables, the average significance tests were frequently misleading. In order to investigate data in time-series the first step is to resolve the Stationarity problem of data and that shocks are only temporary and will revert to their long run mean. Time series with non-Stationarity has a trend and do not return to their mean, so it is always advised to convert these series into stationary. Similarly dependent and independent variable in a classical regression model should be free on non-Stationarity and errors to have zero mean and finite variance. Data having time series property is often examined through widely used tests Augmented Dickey Fuller (1980), Phillip-Perron and KPSS. Unit root test are conducted on the logarithm of the time series data.

Co-integration Analysis

As discussed earlier that macroeconomic variables are normally non-stationary, so if two time series variables are non-stationary, but cointegrated, then at any point in time the two variables may drift apart. But yet there will be a tendency for them to retain a reasonable proximity to each other. In our case, the estimated model is the relationship that tends to tie together the six non-stationary variables in the long run. There may be more than one co-integrating relationship among cointegrated variables. Johansen test provides estimates of all such cointegrating equations and provides a test statistic for the number of cointegrating equations. This method has the following Vector Autoregressive [VAR] representation:

 $Xt = \mu + \prod Xt-1 + \prod Xt-2 + \prod Xt-3 + \dots + \prod Xt-k + \varepsilon t$ There are two tests, the Trace statistic, which is more reliable and the max Eigen value statistic. Both indicate co integration at the 5% level.

Vector Error Correction Model

After checking co-integration existence between both markets if cointegration is observed in variables next step is to model them as a vector error correction model (VECM) to In order to analyze both short-run and long-run linkages between domestic interest rates, foreign interest rates and exchange rates. On the other hand, if these two markets are not cointegrated then they will be modelled as a vector error correction model as well. The rationale behind VECM is that if two variables are co integrated then there exists a long run relationship between them, although in short-run they can be in disequilibrium.

Empirical Results

Before discussing the results evaluated through different techniques, procedures and models if we just view the following Figure 1, Figure 2, Figure 3 we can note some interesting results. In figure 1 all the variables are plotted to check any long run movement, it shows some relationship across the years. By analyzing figure 2 we determined very close linkage in the domestic interest rate in case of both TBR and CMR. They are following almost same trend across the year which shows there is strong relationship among interest rate. Exchange Rate doesn't show any visible relationship but yet so some similar fluctuation last years.

Figure 3 show's the similar result as shown in case of domestic market trend. There is strong interlinkage between TBR and CMR of

foregin market. And collectively both variables's are having close comovement in trend with LIBOR.







Figure-2



Figure-3

Correlation Analysis

Several methods are used to test co-integration among different variables, highly co-integrated markets should result highly correlated interest rates. In table 1 co-efficient of correlation between all possible pairs of variables are shown. Results indicated that call money rate of Pakistan is positive and highly correlated with all other variables except exchange rate where degree of correlation is low. Exchange rate is negatively correlated with all variables except t-bill rate of Pakistani where degree of correlation is low but positive. Remaining all variables t-bill rate of both countries, call money rate of United Kingdom and London Interbank Offered Rate are highly positive correlated.

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Ra	les	CMR	MR TBR CMR TBR		TBR	ER	LIBOR
Dekisten	CMR	1.000					
Pakistan	TBR	0.909	1.000				
United	CMR	0.609	0.665	1.000			
Kingdom	TBR	0.624	0.647	0.901	1.000		
Others	ER	0.228	0.290	-0.110	-0.202	1.000	
Uner	LIBOR	0.786	0.816	0.834	0.881	-0.080	1.000

Table-1: Coefficient of Correlation

This correlation matrix show high correlation but for caution it's not necessary neither sufficient condition to prove high level co integration between the market of both countries. Variable used are interdependent thus correlation among them is high in certain cases but we will ignore multi-collinearity, also we will not be using OLS and T-Statistics. As revealed from result that the correlation coefficients for majority variables were low (all < 0.7500) multi-collinearity does not seem to pose a serious problem in our study as high degree of collinearity will not bias the estimates.

Unit Root Test

After correlation matrix we perform further econometric tests to determine if the two markets are interlinked over the sample period. So first we perform a unit root test on all variables to determine the integration order of the series. Results in Table 2 indicate that data is non-stationary at levels using Augmented Dickey Fuller Test (ADF) with and without intercept, similarly with and without trend as well. By changing trend and intercept we can also get stationary series. Further test was conducted at first difference to make data stable. Result is Table 3 revealed that all variable in data series are stationary at first difference using ADF test with both trend and intercept.

Table-2: Unit root (ADF) tests at levels

Model	LIBOR	CPAK	TPAK	ER	CUK	TUK	
With Trend and	1 510	0.10	1 6 1 1	0.047	10	1.05	
Intercept	-1.515	-2.10	-1.044	-0.947	-1.9	-1.95	
With Intercept and no	0 7007	1.00	1 540	0.0400	4 77	1 0 0	
Trend	-2.7067	-1.98	-1.510	0.0198	-1.77	-1.03	
With no Intercept and	4.00	0.54	0.454	0.050	0 4050	0.001	
Trend	rend -1.33		-0.151	2.053	-0.1959	-0.661	
Decult	Unit Root	Unit Root	Unit Root	Unit Root	Unit Root	Unit Root	
Result	Exist	Exist	Exist	Exist	Exist	Exist	

Table-3: Unit root test on first differences

Model	ΔLIBOR	ΔСРАК	ΔΤΡΑΚ	ΔER	ΔCUK	ΔΤυκ
With Trend and Intercept	-7.077	-14.88	-7.101	-7.53	-9.48	-5.71
Pocult	NO Unit					
Result	Root	Root	Root	Root	Root	Root

Co-integration Test

Next step is to determine if the variables in data series have any association. The co-integration analysis results are described in Table 4 to Table 9 and give a mix results. There is co-integration among few variables at 95% Confidence Interval.

Table-4: Co-integration between CMR of Both Countries

		Trace	Test	Max Eigen Value			
H1	HO	Trace Statistic	95% Critical Value	M-E Statistic	95% Critical Value		
r=0	r>=1	17.69	15.49	16.31	14.26		
r<=1	r=2	1.38	3.84	1.38	3.84		
The normalized co-integrating equation is 1.0 CMRPAK + 3.3977 CMRUK = εt							

Table-5: Co-integration between TBR of Both Countries

		Trace	e Test	Max Eigen Value			
H1	HO	Trace Statistic	95% Critical Value	M-E Statistic	95% Critical Value		
r=0	r>=1	17.09	15.49	12.52	14.26		
r<=1	r=2	4.57	3.84	4.57	3.84		
The normalized co-integrating equation is 1.0 TBRPAK + 6.3943 TBRUK = ɛt							

Table-6: Co-integration between	n TBR of Pakistan and LIBOR
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		Trace	e Test	Max Eigen Value			
H1	HO	Trace Statistic	95% Critical Value	M-E Statistic	95% Critical Value		
r=0	r>=1	11.21	15.49	7.50	14.26		
r<=1	r=2	3.70	3.84	3.70	3.84		
The normalized co-integrating equation is 1.0 TBR + 0.3046 LIBOR = st							

Table-7: Co-integration between CMR of Pakistan and LIBOR

		Trace	e Test	Max Eigen Value			
H1	HO	Trace Statistic	95% Critical Value	M-E Statistic	95% Critical Value		
r=0	r>=1	14.25	15.49	9.66	14.26		
r<=1	r=2	4.58	3.84	4.58	3.84		
The normalized co-integrating equation is 1.0 CMRPAK + 1.0235 LIBOR = εt							

Table-8: Co-integration between ER of Pakistan and LIBOR

		Trace	e Test	Max Eigen Value			
H1	HO	Trace Statistic	95% Critical Value	M-E Statistic	95% Critical Value		
r=0	r>=1	9.41	15.49	8.69	14.26		
r<=1	r=2	0.72	3.84	0.72	3.84		
The normalized co-integrating equation is 1.0 ERPAK + 2.4675 LIBOR = εt							

Table-9: Co-integration between CMR and TBR of Pakistan

		Trace	e Test	Max Eigen Value			
H1	HO	Trace Statistic	95% Critical Value	M-E Statistic	95% Critical Value		
r=0	r>=1	26.34	15.49	25.92	14.26		
r<=1	r=2	0.42	3.84	0.42	3.84		
The normalized co-integrating equation is 1.0 CMRPAK + 0.8994 TBRPAK = εt							

These all tests are sensitive to the lag-length chosen. Using Akaike aic and Schwarz sc criteria we have chosen the number of lags as two. After performing the johansen's co-integration it may be noted that there is presence of co integration between call money rate and t-bill rate of Pakistan for both trace and max-eigen value test. Similar results are determined for the call money rate of both nations where co-integration exists for both tests as well. Trace test indicate co integrating vectors between t-bill rates of both countries while results from max Eigen value are insignificant. Whereas it's determined that there is no co integration between call money rate at 95 % confidence interval but it was observed that weak co-integration exist at 90 % confidence interval among these variables. The results indicate that while the domestic short-

term money market is more integrated in comparison with the international financial market. There is no so robust integration between the domestic foreign exchange market and the foreign market. This may be due to the financial market reforms that are initiated in the money market.

Vector Error Correction Model

Since the entire variables in the series are not co-integrated we can, test any possible linkage between all the variables during the sample period by using VECM. Both long run and Short run relationship can be identified through this estimation. As this Results suggested for the variables are reported in Table 10 and 11

From the View, Representations option we determined that the long-run relation exist among domestic and foreign interest rates. The coefficient on all the variables for domestic interest rate and exchange rate in the co integrating vector is 1as it should be shown in Table 10.

Error Correct	D(CPK)	D(CUK)	Error Correct	D(TPK)	D(TUK)	Error Correct	D(CPK)	D(TPK)
CointEq1	-0.3	0.02	CointEq2	-0.054	0.003	CointEq3	-0.657	0.036
	-4.04	0.952		-3.241	0.877		-4.649	0.756
D(CPK(-1))	-1.276	-1.619	D(CPK(-1))	1.518	0.044	D(CPK(-1))	0.803	0.018
D(CPK(-2))	0.343	-1.217	D(CPK(-2))	0.889	-0.914	D(CPK(-2))	0.291	-0.686
D(CUK(-1))	-0.956	-5.357	D(TUK(-1))	-0.293	4.539	D(TPK(-1))	0.927	1.846
D(CUK(-2))	0.067	-1.888	D(TUK(-2))	0.787	1.995	D(TPK(-2))	0.44	1.996

Table-10: Vector Error Correction Model for Domestic and Foreign Interest Rates

The adjustment coefficient on cointeq1 for the call money rate Pakistan is negative as it should be and quite rapid 30% a month, the adjustment coefficient on call money rate United Kingdom positive, as it should be, but quite small just 2% a month and is insignificant as well. It means that about 30% of disequilibrium corrected each month by change in call money rate United Kingdom. And similarly there are 30% chances that if disequilibrium is created it will return back to its original equilibrium position in short-run after deviation. Lagged call money rate united kingdom is insignificant in the call money rate Pakistan equation, but lagged call money rate united kingdom is significant in call money rate Pakistan equation for short run. Further coefficient on cointeq2 for the t-bill rate of both countries its negative as expected but is very low for both the countries 5.4% and 0.3% for Pakistan and United Kingdom respectively where adjustment for United Kingdom is insignificant as

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well. So chances of disequilibrium correction are very low for both the nations and return from deviation chances are also very low. Further lagged t-bill rate United Kingdom is insignificant in the t-bill rate Pakistan equation but lagged t-bill rate United Kingdom is significant. Same result is obtained for lagged London interbank offered rate is insignificant in the t-bill rate Pakistan equation, but lagged t-bills rate is significant in London interbank offered rate equation for short run. The adjustment coefficient on cointeq3 for the t-bill rate Pakistan quite low 0.6% a month and is insignificant, the adjustment coefficient on London interbank offered rate is negative but significant and small just 2.1% a month. This means effect across both countries in cointeq4 is insignificant. About 21% of equilibrium corrected each month by change in London interbank offered rate according to cointeq4 and about 2.1% of equilibrium corrected each month by change in London interbank offered rate. Co-efficient is negative as expected for call money rate Pakistan and significant as well. So 21% chances to return on equilibrium position are there after deviation from original position. In lagged equation both are insignificant which means London interbank offered rate effect on exchange rate Pakistan is insignificant and vice versa. Cointeq5 present the similar results as for the call money rate Pakistan with London interbank offered rate. Finally in cointeq6 which is presents relations between domestic markets of call money rate and t-bill rate Pakistan where 65% of equilibrium corrected each month by change in t-bill rate. So chances to return at equilibrium position after deviation are high. Whereas for t-bill rate its 3.6 % only which is very low. Lagged t-bill rate is insignificant in the call money rate Pakistan equation, but lagged t-bill rate is not highly significant in call money rate Pakistan equation for short run.

Conclusion

Call money rate and T-Bill rate are found to be co-integrated across the nation, which verifies that there exists a general stochastic movement among the domestic and foreign market returns. Results obtained from exchange rate are not integrating with short-term market as determined by the previous study of Khalid & Rajaguru (2006). This study investigates whether any co-integration exist among the sum of the foreign and domestic variables. Moderate frequency data (monthly observations for the exchange rate and interest rate) and three different empirical testing procedures are used to determine if both the markets are co-integrated. Based on co-integration tests, the empirical results find cointegration among four variables (t-bill rate Pakistan & call money rate Pakistan, call money rate Pakistan & call money rate United Kingdom and t-bill rate Pakistan and t-bill rate United Kingdom). Vector error correction model suggested long run and short run relationship between all variables. These results thus recommend that there is a link amongst domestic and foreign market. It is interesting to note that our results are consistent with the theoretical hypothesis mentioned in Section 1 of this paper. There summary is given in Table 11.

Table-11: Summary of Results

Items	Hypothesis	Results
H0	No co-integration exist between CMR of both countries	Rejected
H0	No co-integration exist between TBR of both countries	Rejected
H0	No co-integration exist between TBRPAK and LIBOR	Accepted
H0	No co-integration exist between CMRPAK and LIBOR	Accepted
H0	No co-integration exist between ER of Pakistan and LIBOR	Accepted
H0	Co-integration exist between CMR and TBR of Pakistan	Accepted

Given that both markets are linked, any internal or external shock would affect all three markets in a direct or indirect way. This is an important finding and could be used as important policy implications.

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