

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INWARD FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT, DOMESTIC INVESTMENT, FORMAL AND INFORMAL INSTITUTIONS: EVIDENCE FROM CHINA

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ABSTRACT

This study examines relationship between Inward FDI and domestic investment in China, using co-integration and Granger causality analysis (Including bivariate and multivariate Granger causality models). We have used auto-regressive distributed lags (ARDL) econometric methodology technique to define relationship between inward FDI and domestic investment using time series data for China. Our study examines long run effects of FDI inflows on domestic investment over time span 1990-2014 for China using informal, formal institutions and key macroeconomic variables as control variables in the model. The results suggest that conclusions drawn from bivariate model may not be valid because of omission of important control variables. Our results of multivariate model show that there is positive unidirectional causality running from IFDI to DI in the long run. In the short run, both inward FDI and domestic investment do not allow Granger causality.

Keywords:

Inward FDI; Domestic Investment; Cointegration; Time Series Data

1. INTRODUCTION

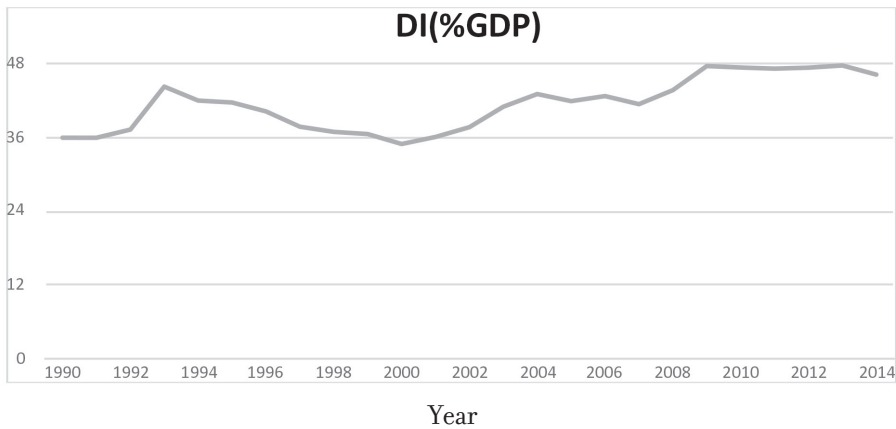
Since FDI in global economy are the most important form of international business activity **and** investment is a key factor of economic development, analysis of the impact of FDI on domestic investment is theoretically justified (Derado, 2013). Foreign direct investment (IFDI) inflows has increased US\$ 2,002 trillion in 2007 in the world as compared to US\$ 13.346 billion in 1970 (UNCTAD, 2013). The relationship between FDI inflows and domestic investment (DI) is still controversial. Some studies such as Xu and Wang (2007) and Chang (2010) found that FDI inflows have crowded in DI while some studies such as Adams (2009) found that FDI inflows have crowded out DI. Sağlam and Yalta (2011) found that there was no relationship between FDI inflows and DI. Some studies such as Agosin and Machado (2005) and Wang (2010) found that FDI inflows have had neutral, crowding-in effect or crowding-out effect on DI depending on country/country group economic structure, macro-economic environment, and the firm's underlying motives to invest abroad. The macroeconomic relationship between FDI inflows and DI are theoretically inconclusive and thus become an empirical issue. The effects of FDI on domestic investment is controversial issue and still inconclusive. Some research studies conclude that foreign direct investment reduces domestic investment, while some proportion of studies find that FDI are positively associated with domestic investment and some find no effect.

China is the largest transition economy and the second highest FDI recipient in the world. Using foreign investment to improve its international competitiveness is a major pillar of China's reform and "open-door" policy (Fukasaku & Wall, 1994; Lardy, 1994; Naughton, 1997; Buckley, Clegg, & Wang, 2006). Since its reform and "open-door" policy was implemented in 1978, China has attracted FDI globally and has become one of the world's largest FDI destinations. In last two decades, there has been a dramatic increase in FDI inflows and outflows in China, following the 1999 implementation of national policy encouraging DI to "go out". Lee, Syed, and Liu (2013) suggest that the Chinese growth model is highly dependent on the accumulation of DI. Best to our knowledge, no previous studies have measured long run effects of FDI inflows (IFDI) on domestic investment (DI) for China using formal institutions, informal institutions and key macroeconomic variables as control variables in the model. Thus, we bridge the gap in previous research literature by adding formal and informal institutions as key control variables in the model to measure role of institutions in defining accurate relationship between FDI inflows and domestic investment in the economy. Thus, this will be the contribution of our research study.

Our study contributes to the existing research literature by conduct analyses using a macroeconomic perspective to investigate the impact of FDI inflows on DI in China. To the best of our knowledge, no previous research studies have analyzed the impact of FDI inflows on DI at the macro-economic level in the case of China using bivariate and multivariate models. You and Solomon (2015) analyzed the impact

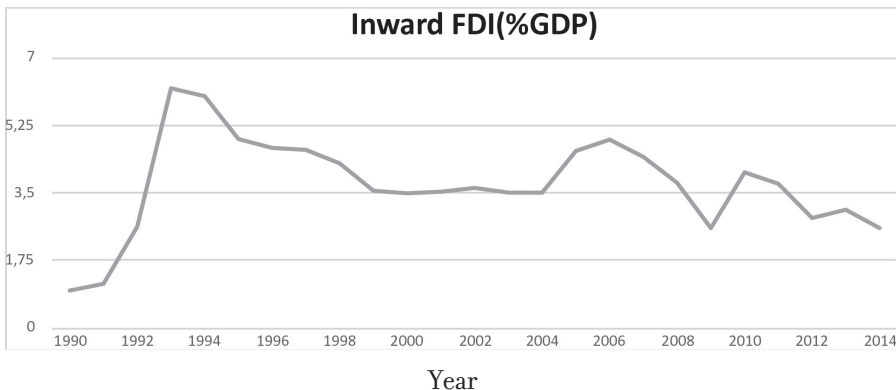
of FDI outflows on DI in China using industry-level data. Here, we will bridge this shortcoming in the existing literature by analyzing the effect of FDI inflows on DI at the macroeconomic level by introducing new and interesting findings on the particular case of China. Therefore, this study addresses this question with the data of top highest recipient of FDI inflows Asian economy: China. Figure 1. provides a time series plot of China's DI (%GDP) measured as Gross capital formation (%GDP) over the time period 1990 to 2014. Figure 2. provides a time series plot of China's net inflows of FDI as measured as a percentage of GDP over the time period 1990 to 2014.

Figure 1.: Time series plot of China's domestic investment measured as percentage of GDP



Source: World Development Indicators online (www.worldbank.org)

Figure 2.: Time series plot of China's net inflows of foreign direct investment measured as percentage of GDP



Source: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (www.unctad.org)

The rest of the paper is presented as follows. Section 2. Literature review, Section 3. describes the data sources and econometric methodologies. Section 4. presents result findings of the analysis. Section 5 concludes the paper.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Lean and Tan (2010) analyze relationships between FDI, Domestic investment and Economic growth in Malaysia and these three variables are cointegrated in the long-run in this study. Annual time series data from 1970 to 2009 were used and Vector autoregressive (VAR) methodology is applied. The empirical results of this study show that an increase of FDI will bring positive impact to the domestic investment. In simple words, FDI crowds in domestic investment and there appears complementary effect from FDI to domestic investment.

Prasanna (2010) analyze direct and indirect impact of FDI on domestic investment in India. Prasanna (2010) covered 16-year period from 1991-92 to 2006-07. This study finds that the direct impact of FDI inflows on domestic investment in India is positive but the indirect impact is 'neutral' on the domestic investment in the long run. The study finds no evidence that increase in domestic investment due to FDI inflows is greater than the amount of the FDI inflows in India. Bayraktar and Yalta (2011) found relationship among FDI, private domestic investment and public domestic investment in Turkey. They considered period from 1970 to 2009 using annual data incorporated into multivariate VAR framework. Their findings indicate that there is no long-run relationship between FDI, public investment and private investment, indicating the poor contribution of FDI to the Turkish investment path. The lack of interaction between FDI and domestic investment, which impedes the contribution of FDI to economic growth from capital accumulation channel, questions the benefits of FDI.

The effects of FDI on domestic investment has been analyzed by many studies for developing countries. Reviews by AL-Sadig (2013) and Arndt et al (2007) conclude that these studies use macro-level data or firm level data and their effects been positive, negative or neutral, thus overall results are inconclusive. Recent studies by Hejazi and Pauly (2003); Arndt et al. (2007) and Al-Sadig (2013) recommend that combination of home and foreign production may cause different potential effects by FDI outflows on domestic investment, depending on the motives for overseas investment. Referring to four OFDI motives i.e. (resource seeking, marketing seeking, efficiency-seeking and strategic asset seeking) identified by Dunning (1993), they point out that outward FDI may influence domestic investment positively or negatively or neutrally. Given that financial resources are scarce and financial markets are imperfect, domestic markets will have less financial liquidity available to fund new investment projects. The negative effects of outward FDI on domestic investment would be strong if availability of capital is scarce and capital outflows are financed internally. However, in countries where saving is abundant, the negative impact of outward FDI on domestic investment may be offset or may not be evident.

3. DATA AND METHODOLOGY

In this study, we have used net IFDI (% GDP), Trade Openness (%GDP), gross capital formation (GCF), GDP deflator, and Gross domestic savings (%GDP). Gross domestic savings (SAVINGS), export (EX), import (IM), GCF and trade openness (OPEN) are measured at current US\$. Annual data from 1990 to 2014 are obtained from UNCTAD FDI database. The starting period of this dataset is determined by the earliest availability date of the data. The sum of EX and IM divided by GDP is used as a proxy for trade openness (OPEN). The proxy for DI (%GDP) is defined as GCF (% GDP). We are using economic freedom (EF) as a proxy for formal institutions. Economic freedom data is taken from Fraser institute, economic freedom of the world. In this study, I have used net IFDI (% GDP), gross capital formation (GCF) as percentage of GDP, and Trade (% GDP). Annual data from 1990 to 2014 are obtained from World Development Indicators, World Bank Database. The starting period of this dataset is determined by the earliest availability date of the data. We are using gross capital formation (GCF) as proxy for domestic investment (DI). Following the previous research studies, this study constructs index of CULTURE by applying principle component analysis (PCA) using four basic components trust, respect, obedience and self-determination. We are using CULTURE proxy for informal institutions. Data is available in five waves spanning from 1990 to 2014, where single wave reflect average of five years for country's economic culture's value. These components are taken from World Values Survey (WVS) Database and are considered important in shaping human behavior especially economic behavior.

We use the bounds testing approach to co-integration developed by Pesaran, Shin and Smith (2001) to test for the existence of a long-run relationship. This test is based on the autoregressive distributed lag (ARDL) framework. It is used here because Pesaran and Shin (1999) show that the ordinary least squares (OLS) estimators of ARDL parameters are \sqrt{n} -consistent, where n is the sample size and the estimators of the long-run coefficients are super-consistent in small sample sizes. Furthermore, this approach can be used irrespective of whether the variables are integrated of $I(1)$, $I(0)$, or mutually co-integrated. Many unit root tests are available. In this study, we have used only two of them, the augmented Dickey and Fuller (1979, 1981) test (ADF test) and the test proposed by Kwiatkowski et al. (1992; KPSS test). The null hypothesis of the ADF test is that a series is non-stationary, whereas the null hypothesis of the KPSS test is that a series is stationary. Both tests are performed with intercepts and time trends. The number of lags in the ADF test is selected based on the Schwarz Information Criterion. The choice of bandwidth parameter in the Bartlett kernel based sum-of-covariance estimator in the KPSS test is selected based on the Newey-West data-based automatic bandwidth parameter method. The results of the unit root tests are reported in Table 1. Both the ADF and KPSS tests suggest that DI, EF, OPEN, CULTURE and SAVINGS are $I(1)$. The results of the unit root tests for

ADF and KPSS suggest that IFDI is $I(0)$. Both the ADF and KPSS test results suggest that some variables are integrated of $I(0)$ or $I(1)$ respectively.

These control variables (EF, OPEN, CULTURE, SAVINGS) are chosen based on existing empirical work. Some research studies have also highlighted the effects of trade openness (OPEN) on DI. OPEN is expected to have a positive impact on DI through technology and knowledge spillover. However, it may also exert a negative impact on DI if consumers prefer imported products (Ndikumana, 2000). Alabdeli (2005) analyzed the effects of several macroeconomic variables (i.e., exports, investment) on economic growth in 21 developing countries, using time series data from 1960 to 2001. This study concluded that DI has a positive and significant relationship with economic growth. Frankel (1997) analyzed the impact of economic factors, including investment in the public and private sector, on economic growth in East Asian economies. This study concluded that investment is among the most important determinants of economic growth in the long run.

4. RESULTS

To avoid the problem associated with conflicting results provided by conventional unit root tests—such as those found by Dickey and Fuller (1979, 1981) and Kwiatkowski, Phillips, Schmidt and Shin (1992), in this study when these tests are used jointly, we use the ARDL testing approach for co-integration. Firstly, we consider only the bivariate long-run relationship between IFDI and DI. Then, four additional variables (i.e., EF, OPEN, CULTURE and SAVINGS) are added as control variables in the model to find long-run relationship between IFDI and DI in order to capture country-specific effects.

Table 1.: Results of the unit root tests.

	ADF		KPSS	
	Level	First Difference	Level	First Difference
IFDI	-4.2428***[1]	-3.8632*** [1]	0.1046[2]	0.2221[2]
DI	-1.3134[0]	-4.1700***[0]	0.5101** [3]	0.0769[0]
EF	-1.4179[0]	-5.2849***[0]	0.6672**[3]	0.2564[5]
OPEN	-1.5704[0]	-3.8688***[0]	0.4567**[3]	0.1607[1]
CULTURE	-1.6522[0]	-4.5885*[0]	0.1787**[3]	0.3144[0]
SAVINGS	-1.5101[1]	-3.1568**[0]	0.5632**[3]	0.0888[2]

Source: Authors' calculation

Note: *, **, and *** indicate statistical significance at the 10%, 5%, and 1% levels, respectively. Values in square brackets are either the number of lagged first differences used in the ADF test or the choice of bandwidth parameter in the Bartlett kernel-based sum-of-covariances estimator in the KPSS test. The number of lags were selected based on the Schwarz Information Criteria.

ADF: augmented Dickey and Fuller test; KPSS: Kwiatkowski-Phillips-Schmidt-Shin test; IFDI: inward foreign direct investment; DI: domestic investment; EF: economic freedom; OPEN: trade openness; SAVINGS: gross domestic savings.

In the bivariate model, the bounds test examines whether a long-run relationship exists in one of the following unrestricted error correction models:

$$\Delta IFDI_t = a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n a_{Gi} \Delta IFDI_{t-i} + \sum_{i=0}^n a_{Fi} \Delta DI_{t-i} + a_1 IFDI_{t-1} + a_2 DI_{t-1} + \epsilon_{1t} \tag{1}$$

$$\Delta DI_t = b_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n b_{Fi} \Delta DI_{t-i} + \sum_{i=0}^n b_{Gi} \Delta IFDI_{t-i} + b_1 DI_{t-1} + b_2 IFDI_{t-1} + \epsilon_{2t} \tag{2}$$

In equation (1), the null hypothesis of no co-integration amongst the variables is $H_0: a_1=a_2=0$ against the alternative hypothesis of $H_1: \{a_1 \neq 0\} \cup \{a_2 \neq 0\}$. In equation (2), the null hypothesis of no co-integration amongst the variables is $H_0: b_1=b_2=0$ against the alternative hypothesis of $H_1: \{b_1 \neq 0\} \cup \{b_2 \neq 0\}$. The null hypothesis can be tested with the *F*-test. The *F*-test has a non-standard distribution. Pesaran et al. (2001) provided the critical values at table CI (iii). At $k=1$, the critical values bounds are (4.04, 4.78) at the 10% level of significance, (4.94, 5.73) at the 5% level of significance, and (6.84, 7.84) at the 1% level of significance. To minimize the loss of degrees of freedom and to fulfil the assumption of no autocorrelation required by the ARDL test, the value of *n* corresponding to each equation is increased until the Breusch-Godfrey Lagrange multiplier test is unable to reject the null of no autocorrelation with a lag order 1 at the 5% level of significance. The results of the bounds test are reported in Table 2.

Table 2.: The results of the bounds test for co-integration.

Equation	H_0	<i>n</i>	F-Value
(1)	$a_1=a_2=0$	1	3.0379
(2)	$b_1=b_2=0$	1	2.0241

Source: Authors' calculation

Note: *, **, and *** indicate statistical significance at the 10%, 5% and 1% levels, respectively. The number of lags was selected based on the Schwarz Information Criteria.

The results in Table 2. indicate that we do not reject the null hypothesis of no co-integration at the 1%, 5%, and 10% levels of significance for equations (1) and (2), respectively. Therefore, there is no long-run relationship between IFDI and DI when either IFDI or DI is assigned as the dependent variable.

Table 3.: The results of the short-run Granger causality test.

Dependent variable	Δ IFDI	Δ DI
Δ IFDI		0.0245[0]
Δ DI	-0.1176[3]	

Source: Authors' calculation

Note: *, **, and *** indicate statistical significance at the 10%, 5%, and 1% levels, respectively. The number in square brackets is the value of n selected based on either equation (1) or equation (2). The number of lags was selected based on Schwarz Information Criteria. IFDI: inward foreign direct investment; DI: direct investment.

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \text{IFDI}_t = & k_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n k_{Gi} \Delta \text{IFDI}_{t-i} + \sum_{i=0}^n k_{Fi} \Delta \text{DI}_{t-i} + \sum_{i=0}^n k_{Di} \Delta \text{EF}_{t-i} + \sum_{i=0}^n k_{Oi} \Delta \text{OPEN}_{t-i} \\ & + \sum_{i=0}^n k_{Pi} \Delta \text{CULTURE}_{t-i} + \sum_{i=0}^n k_{zi} \Delta \text{SAVINGS}_{t-i} + k_1 \text{IFDI}_{t-1} + k_2 \text{DI}_{t-1} + k_3 \text{EF}_{t-1} + k_4 \text{OPEN}_{t-1} + k_5 \\ & \text{CULTURE}_{t-1} + k_6 \text{SAVINGS}_{t-1} + \varepsilon_{3t} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \text{DI}_t = & m_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n m_{Fi} \Delta \text{DI}_{t-i} + \sum_{i=0}^n m_{Gi} \Delta \text{IFDI}_{t-i} + \sum_{i=0}^n m_{Di} \Delta \text{EF}_{t-i} + \sum_{i=0}^n m_{Oi} \Delta \text{OPEN}_{t-i} \\ & + \sum_{i=0}^n m_{Pi} \Delta \text{CULTURE}_{t-i} + \sum_{i=0}^n m_{zi} \Delta \text{SAVINGS}_{t-i} + m_1 \text{DI}_{t-1} + m_2 \text{IFDI}_{t-1} + m_3 \text{EF}_{t-1} + m_4 \text{OPEN}_{t-1} + \\ & m_5 \text{CULTURE}_{t-1} + m_6 \text{SAVINGS}_{t-1} + \varepsilon_{4t} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

In equation (3), the null hypothesis of no co-integration amongst the variables is $H_0: k_1=k_2=k_3=k_4=k_5=k_6=0$ against the alternative hypothesis of $H_1: \{k_1 \neq 0\} \cup \{k_2 \neq 0\} \cup \{k_3 \neq 0\} \cup \{k_4 \neq 0\} \cup \{k_5 \neq 0\} \cup \{k_6 \neq 0\}$. In equation (4), the null hypothesis of no co-integration amongst the variables is $H_0: m_1=m_2=m_3=m_4=m_5=m_6=0$ against the alternative hypothesis of $H_1: \{m_1 \neq 0\} \cup \{m_2 \neq 0\} \cup \{m_3 \neq 0\} \cup \{m_4 \neq 0\} \cup \{m_5 \neq 0\} \cup \{m_6 \neq 0\}$. From the table CI(iii) of Pesaran *et al.* (2001), at $k=5$ the critical bounds are (2.26,3.35) at the 10% level of significance, (2.62,3.79) at the 5% level of significance, and (3.41,4.68) at the 1% level of significance. Similarly, the value of n in each equation is determined by the Breusch-Godfrey Lagrange multiplier test. The results of the bounds test in multivariate model are reported in Table 4.

Table 4.: The results of the bounds test for co-integration.

Equation	H ₀	n	F-value
(3)	$k_1=k_2=k_3=k_4=k_5=0$	2	7.4618***
(4)	$m_1=m_2=m_3=m_4=m_5=0$	2	16.0895***

Source: Authors' calculation

Note: *, **, and *** indicate statistical significance at the 10%, 5%, and 1% levels, respectively.

The results in Table 4. show that the null hypothesis of no co-integration is rejected at the 1% level for equation (3) and (4). It is clear that with the presence of control variables, there is a long-run relationship between IFDI, DI, EF, OPEN, CULTURE and SAVINGS, when DI or IFDI is assigned as the dependent variable. To obtain the long-run coefficients, the ARDL model is estimated as shown here:

$$(1-c_1L-\dots-c_pL^p) IFDI_t = d_0 + (1-d_1L-\dots-d_qL^q)DI_t + (1-f_1L-\dots-f_sL^s)EF_t + (1-h_1L-\dots-h_rL^r)OPEN_t + (1-e_1L-\dots-e_rL^r)CULTURE_t + (1-k_1L-\dots-k_gL^g)SAVINGS_t + \varepsilon_{5t}$$

(5)

$$(1-\theta_1L-\dots-\theta_uL^u)DI_t = \phi_0 + (1-\phi_1L-\dots-\phi_vL^v) IFDI_t + (1-\alpha_1L-\dots-\alpha_sL^s)EF_t + (1-\beta_1L-\dots-\beta_yL^y) OPEN_t + (1-\gamma_1L-\dots-\gamma_zL^z) CULTURE_t + (1-\gamma_1L-\dots-\gamma_nL^n) SAVINGS_t + \varepsilon_{6t}$$

(6)

The Optimal lags of the ARDL model are chosen based on Schwarz information criteria. Because of small sample size and annual data used in this study, the maximum possible values of *u, v, x, y, and z* in equation (6) are set at 2. The selected values of *u, v, x, y, z and h* are 2,2, 1, 2,2, and 2, respectively. The maximum possible values of *p, q, s, j, r and g* are also set at 2 in equation (5) and selected values of *p, q, s, j, r and g* are 1,2,1,0,1, and 2, respectively in equation (5). The reparametrized equation (5) and equation (6) with long-run coefficients is reported in Table 5. The statistically significant and negative long-run coefficient of the independent variable (IFDI) indicates that IFDI has negative effects on DI (Dependent variable) in equation (6). The long-run coefficient of formal institutions (EF) has significant and positive effects on domestic investment (DI) but long run coefficient of informal institutions (CULTURE) has insignificant effects on domestic investment (DI). The long-run coefficients of SAVINGS and OPEN (trade openness) have significant effects on DI.SAVINGS are positively associated with DI and OPEN (trade openness) is negatively correlated with DI in the long run. The long-run coefficient of independent variable (DI) indicates that DI has insignificant effects on IFDI (Dependent variable) in equation (5). The control variables in the model such as EF, OPEN, CULTURE and SAVINGS have also insignificant effects on IFDI (dependent variable) in equation (5).

Table 5.: Estimated long-run coefficients.

	Dependent variable	
	IFDI	DI
Constant	20.4729(0.8208)	-7.7558***(-3.7920)
IFDI		-0.4642 (-1.4879)
DI	1.5388(0.7414)	
EF	-4.9511(-0.8784)	0.9939*** (3.2568)
OPEN	0.0961(0.4557)	-0.2159*** (-7.9061)
CULTURE	1.5788(0.4635)	-0.2704 (-0.6434)
SAVINGS	-1.2975(-0.6868)	1.2316*** (13.9353)

Source: Authors' calculation

Note: *, **, and *** indicate statistical significance at the 10%, 5%, and 1% levels, respectively. T-ratios are given in parentheses.

Based on the results of the bounds test in the multivariate framework, the Granger causality tests are implemented in the models shown here:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta IFDI_t = & q_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n q_{Gi} \Delta DI_{t-i} + \sum_{i=0}^n q_{Fi} \Delta IFDI_{t-i} + \sum_{i=0}^n q_{Di} \Delta EF_{t-i} + \sum_{i=0}^n q_{Oi} \Delta OPEN_{t-i} \\ & + \sum_{i=0}^n q_{Pi} \Delta CULTURE_{t-i} + \sum_{i=0}^n q_{wi} \Delta SAVINGS_{t-i} + \tau ECT_{qt-i} + \varepsilon_{7t} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta DI_t = & p_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n p_{Gi} \Delta DI_{t-i} + \sum_{i=0}^n p_{Fi} \Delta IFDI_{t-i} + \sum_{i=0}^n p_{Di} \Delta EF_{t-i} + \sum_{i=0}^n p_{Oi} \Delta OPEN_{t-i} \\ & + \sum_{i=0}^n p_{Pi} \Delta CULTURE_{t-i} + \sum_{i=0}^n p_{yi} \Delta SAVINGS_{t-i} + \gamma ECT_{pt-i} + \varepsilon_{8t} \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

ECT_{qt-i} (7) and ECT_{pt-i} (8) are the error correction terms. A significant error correction coefficient indicates that long-run Granger causality from the independent to the dependent variables, where long-run Granger non-causality is regarded as equivalent. Similarly, the Breusch-Godfrey Lagrange multiplier test is again used to determine the value of n in each equation. The results show that there is long run unidirectional causality running from IFDI to DI in equation (8) as coefficient of error correction term is negative and insignificant as reported in Table 6.

Table 6.: Results of Granger’s causality test: long-run.

Equation	Coefficient of error correction term
(7)	-0.152079(-0.8213)
(8)	-1.519144***(-8.6696)

Source: Authors' calculation

Note: *, **, and *** indicate statistical significance at the 10%, 5%, and 1% levels, respectively. T-ratios are given in parentheses.

We have used the approaches of Ram (1988) and Zhang (2001) to determine the sign of the short-run Granger causality. The sign of the short-run Granger causality from an independent variable to dependent variable is determined by adding up the coefficients of all lagged first differences of the independent variable. The results of the short-run Granger causality test are reported in Table 7. Based on the *F*-test, we cannot find evidence to support the existence of short-run Granger causality between IFDI and DI.

Table 7.: The results of the short-run Granger causality test.

Dependent variable	Δ IFDI	Δ DI
Δ IFDI		-0.764[2]
Δ DI	0.234[2]	

Source: Authors' calculation

Note: *, **, and *** indicate statistical significance at the 10%, 5%, and 1% levels, respectively. The number in square brackets is the value of *n* selected based on either equation (7) or (8). The number of lags is selected based on the Schwarz Information Criteria.

5. CONCLUDING REMARKS

This paper examined the short- and long-run relationship between IFDI and DI with bivariate and multivariate frameworks and analyses relationship between Inward FDI and domestic investment in China, using co-integration and Granger causality analysis (Including bivariate and multivariate Granger causality models). We have applied auto-regressive distributed lags (ARDL) technique to derive relationship between inward FDI and domestic investment using time series data for China. The obtained results in the bivariate model conclude that there is no short- and long-run relationship between IFDI and DI, using Granger causality analysis. Bivariate model results can be unreliable due to the omission of important control variables. Thus, important control variables are paramount in the model to derive unbiased and reliable findings. Siliverstovs and Herzer (2006) explain that the results of Granger causality tests may not be valid if the model suffers from the omission of important independent variables. However, after controlling for country-specific effects (i.e., with the inclusion of EF, OPEN, CULTURE, SAVINGS) in the multivariate frame-

work, the results of the multivariate model show that there is positive unidirectional causal relationship from IFDI to DI in the long run. In the short-run, DI and IFDI do not allow Granger causality. It implies that the bivariate framework is miss-specified in terms of omitting important independent variables. Here, we analyzed the macroeconomic impact of FDI inflows on DI for a strongly emerging Chinese economy. From our dataset, we find when FDI inflows increase, DI also behaves in similar way, which also strongly aligns with our econometric findings that there is positive, long-run, unidirectional causality running from IFDI to DI. Our findings instead strongly support that the idea that increased IFDI is the cause of increased DI in the long-run.

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