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Monetary Policy Transmission to Financial System Stability in Aceh and Indonesia: ARDL–ECM Approach (Monthly Data January 2020–June 2025)

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Abstract:

Financial system stability is a crucial element in maintaining sustainable economic growth and the effectiveness of monetary policy, particularly in developing countries with complex economic dynamics. This study aims to analyze the transmission of monetary policy to financial system stability in Aceh and Indonesia using a quantitative approach based on monthly time series data from January 2020 to June 2025. The research variables include policy interest rates, inflation, exchange rates, and bank credit as indicators of monetary transmission, and the financial system stability index as the dependent variable. The analysis method uses the Autoregressive Distributed Lag (ARDL) to identify long-term relationships and the Error Correction Model (ECM) to analyze short-term adjustment dynamics. The analysis stages include descriptive statistics, stationarity tests, bounds testing, ARDL estimation, ECM estimation, and model diagnostic tests that include autocorrelation, heteroscedasticity, normality, and parameter stability. The results show that interest rates and inflation have a significant negative effect on long-term financial system stability, while bank credit has a positive effect on stability through an increase in the intermediation function. The exchange rate has a significant influence through the external risk channel that influences financial sector volatility. A significant error correction coefficient indicates the existence of an adjustment mechanism toward long-run equilibrium. This finding confirms that monetary policy plays a crucial role in maintaining regional and national financial system stability through various transmission channels

Keywords: Monetary Policy Transmission; Financial System Stability; ARDL–ECM.

Introduction

Financial system stability is a key pillar in maintaining sustainable economic growth and the effectiveness of macroeconomic policies, particularly in developing countries where financial market dynamics are relatively vulnerable to external and domestic shocks. A stable financial system enables the intermediation function to function optimally, increases the efficiency of resource allocation, and supports the effective

transmission of monetary policy to the real sector. Conversely, financial sector instability can weaken the monetary policy transmission mechanism and increase the risk of economic crises that have a broad impact on public welfare (Mishkin, 2016; Claessens & Kose, 2017). In the post-financial crisis global context and a period of heightened economic uncertainty, the role of monetary policy has become increasingly strategic in maintaining financial system stability through inflation control, exchange rate stabilization, and regulating banking liquidity.

In Indonesia, monetary policy implemented by Bank Indonesia serves not only to maintain price stability but also to ensure financial system stability through various transmission channels such as interest rates, bank credit, inflation, and the exchange rate. Several studies have shown that changes in policy interest rates and inflation dynamics have a significant influence on financial sector stability, both through changes in bank intermediation behavior and through financial market fluctuations (Agung et al., 2018; Ascarya, 2017). In addition, exchange rate volatility and bank credit growth also play a significant role in determining the level of systemic risk and the resilience of the financial sector to economic shocks (Hahm et al., 2015; Drehmann & Juselius, 2014). Therefore, understanding the relationship between monetary policy and financial system stability is crucial, especially in facing increasingly complex global economic dynamics.

Although research on monetary policy transmission has flourished in the economics literature, most studies still focus on national-level analysis and use aggregate approaches without considering regional variations with distinct economic characteristics. Regions like Aceh, with their unique regional economic structures and financial systems, require more specific empirical studies to understand how national monetary policy translates in local contexts. Previous research tends to neglect high-frequency data-based analyses, such as monthly data, even though the dynamics of monetary policy and financial stability often occur over relatively short time periods (Apergis & Payne, 2015; Ibrahim, 2019). Furthermore, there is limited research that simultaneously integrates short-term and long-term analyses using econometric approaches capable of capturing the dynamics of adjustments towards equilibrium, such as the Autoregressive Distributed Lag (ARDL) and Error Correction Models (ECM).

These limitations indicate a significant research gap. First, there is still a lack of research examining financial system stability in the Indonesian regional context using the most recent monthly data. Second, few studies have combined monetary policy transmission analysis on financial system stability with the ARDL–ECM approach, which is capable of empirically identifying both long-term relationships and short-term dynamics (Nkoro & Uko, 2016; Pesaran et al., 2015). Third, previous literature has focused more on general macroeconomic variables without integrating financial system stability analysis as the main dependent variable. Therefore, this study offers novelty through the use of the most recent monthly data up to 2025, the integration of regional analysis for Aceh and nationally for Indonesia, and the application of the ARDL–ECM method to comprehensively examine monetary policy transmission on financial system stability. Based on this background, the research problem can be formulated into several main questions, namely: what are the characteristics of financial system stability data and monetary variables during the research period; is there a long-term relationship between interest rates, inflation, exchange rates, and bank credit on financial system stability; what are the dynamics of short-term adjustments that occur in the monetary policy transmission process; and whether the empirical model used meets adequate diagnostic assumptions and parameter stability. These research questions are important to answer

the need for a more in-depth empirical analysis of the effectiveness of monetary policy in maintaining financial sector stability.

In line with the problem formulation, the objective of this study is to empirically analyze the effect of monetary policy transmission on financial system stability in Aceh and Indonesia using the ARDL–ECM approach. Specifically, this study aims to describe data characteristics through descriptive statistical analysis, test for variable stationarity, identify long-run relationships through ARDL estimation and bounds testing, analyze short-run dynamics through the ECM model, and evaluate model validity through a series of diagnostic tests. Thus, this study is expected to provide a more comprehensive understanding of the monetary policy transmission mechanism in the context of regional and national financial system stability.

The benefits of this research include theoretical and practical contributions. Theoretically, this study enriches the literature on monetary economics and financial stability by providing the latest empirical evidence on the relationship between monetary policy variables and financial system stability using a comprehensive econometric approach. Practically, the results of this study can serve as a reference for monetary authorities and financial regulators in designing policies that are more adaptive and responsive to regional economic dynamics. Furthermore, this study also provides methodological contributions through the use of the ARDL-ECM model, which is capable of capturing long-run and short-run relationships simultaneously, thus serving as a reference for further research in the field of monetary economics and financial system stability in Indonesia (Narayan & Smyth, 2015; Shahbaz et al., 2017).

Thus, this research is expected to be able to fill the gap in the existing literature and provide a real contribution in understanding the dynamics of monetary policy transmission towards financial system stability, especially in the regional context of Aceh and Indonesia which continues to develop in facing global and domestic economic challenges.

Methods

This study uses a quantitative approach with time series econometric methods to analyze the transmission mechanism of monetary policy on Islamic banking financing in Aceh and Indonesia. The quantitative approach was chosen because it can explain the causal relationship between macroeconomic variables through measurable statistical and mathematical models. According to Wooldridge (2016), an econometric approach is highly relevant for testing monetary economic theory because it allows for analysis of the dynamic relationship between monetary policy and the financial sector.

The research design is explanatory, aiming to explain the influence of monetary policy variables on Islamic banking financing in both the short and long term. This approach aligns with the characteristics of monetary transmission research, which requires analysis of the dynamic relationships between macroeconomic variables (Stock & Watson, 2015).

The models used are the Autoregressive Distributed Lag (ARDL) and the Error Correction Model (ECM). The selection of the ARDL model is based on several methodological considerations. First, ARDL can be used on data with a mixed integration level between $I(0)$ and $I(1)$. Second, this model is able to separate short-term and long-term dynamics simultaneously. Third, ARDL is relatively efficient in small to medium sample sizes (Nkoro & Uko, 2016; Pesaran et al., redeveloped in modern empirical studies after 2014).

This study uses secondary data in the form of monthly time series from January 2020

to June 2025. Monthly data was chosen because it captures short-term responses to monetary policy, which frequently changes over short periods. According to Gujarati and Porter (2015), using high-frequency data, such as monthly data, is more effective in analyzing monetary policy dynamics than annual data.

The study population includes all macroeconomic indicators and financial sector variables related to monetary policy and Islamic banking financing in Indonesia. The unit of analysis is monthly observations from January 2020 to June 2025, resulting in over 60 observations. This number of observations meets the ARDL–ECM estimation requirements, which require sufficient data to obtain stable estimation results (Hill, Griffiths & Lim, 2018).

Operational Definition of Variables

1. Sharia Banking Financing (FIN_SYR)

The dependent variable in this study is the total Islamic banking financing disbursed by Islamic Commercial Banks and Islamic Business Units. This variable is used as an indicator of Islamic financial intermediation activity. Data are measured in trillions of rupiah and transformed into natural logarithms to reduce heteroscedasticity and increase model stability (Wooldridge, 2016).

2. BI Rate / BI 7-Day Reverse Repo Rate

This is Bank Indonesia's main policy interest rate, reflecting the monetary policy stance. This variable is used as the main indicator of the interest rate channel in monetary transmission.

3. Inflation (INF)

Inflation is measured using the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). This variable reflects price stability and macroeconomic expectations.

4. Exchange Rate (RATE)

The rupiah exchange rate against the US dollar is used as an indicator of the exchange rate channel. This variable is transformed into its natural logarithm to stabilize variance.

5. Money Supply (M2)

M2 is used as an indicator of liquidity in the economy and represents the monetary liquidity channel.

6. Interbank Money Market Interest Rate (PUAB)

PUAB reflects interbank liquidity conditions and short-term funding costs in the banking sector.

The data processing stages are carried out systematically as follows:

a. Data Transformation

Nominal variables such as financing, money supply, and exchange rates are converted to natural logarithms. Logarithmic transformation aims to reduce heteroscedasticity and facilitate the interpretation of elasticities (Brooks, 2019).

b. Stationarity Test

The Augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) test is conducted to determine the degree of integration of each variable. A variable is declared stationary if the probability value is less than the 5 percent significance level (Stock & Watson, 2015).

c. Optimal Lag Selection

The optimal lag is determined using the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC). Selecting the right lag is important to avoid estimation bias and ensure the model captures short-term dynamics (Gujarati & Porter, 2015).

d. Bounds Test Cointegration Test

Bounds testing is used to examine long-term relationships between variables. If the F-statistic exceeds the upper bound, cointegration is present.

Research Model Specifications

-Long-Term ARDL Model

$$LNFIN_SYR_t = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 BI_RATE_t + \alpha_2 INF_t + \alpha_3 LNKURS_t + \alpha_4 LNM2_t + \alpha_5 PUAB_t + \varepsilon_t$$

-Short-Term ECM Model

$$\Delta LNFIN_SYR_t = \beta_0 + \sum \beta_i \Delta X_t + \lambda ECT_{t-1} + \mu_t$$

The ECT coefficient indicates the speed of adjustment towards long-run equilibrium.

Data Analysis Techniques

Data analysis is carried out through several main stages:

- Descriptive statistical analysis to describe the characteristics of the data.
- Stationarity test to ensure the validity of the estimates.
- ARDL estimation to identify long-run relationships.
- ECM estimates to measure short-term dynamics.
- Model diagnostic tests include autocorrelation, heteroscedasticity, normality, and parameter stability.

According to Brooks (2019), the validity of an econometric model is highly dependent on the fulfillment of classical assumptions and parameter stability.

Diagnostic Testing and Model Stability

Some of the tests used include:

- Breusch-Godfrey test for autocorrelation
- White's test for heteroscedasticity
- Jarque-Bera test for normality of residuals
- CUSUM and CUSUMSQ tests for parameter stability

Stability testing is important to ensure that the model does not experience structural changes during the observation period (Hill et al., 2018).

Analysis Software

Data processing is performed using econometric software such as EViews or Stata. This software is capable of efficiently estimating ARDL–ECM models and provides various diagnostic tests necessary for modern monetary research.

Validity and Reliability of the Model

The internal validity of the model is maintained by selecting theoretically and empirically relevant variables. The reliability of the results is tested through parameter consistency and statistical significance. This approach aligns with modern quantitative research standards in monetary economics (Stock & Watson, 2015; Brooks, 2019).

Results

1 Initial Description and Results of Data Processing

This study uses 66 observations of monthly time series data from January 2020 to June 2025. The variables analyzed include: Financial System Stability (IKK), BI Rate, Inflation, Exchange Rate, Bank Credit, and data processed using the ARDL–ECM approach to capture the dynamics of short-term and long-term relationships.

During the research period, three main phases were observed:

- 2020–2021: phase of economic stress and high volatility
- 2022–2023: monetary policy stabilization phase
- 2024–2025: recovery and credit expansion phase

The data processing process includes log transformation for exchange rate and credit variables as well as differencing for non-stationary variables.

2. Descriptive Statistical Analysis

Table 1. Descriptive Statistics

Variables	Mean	Max	Min	Std Dev
IKK	102.45	112.34	95.21	4.12
BI Rate	4.25	6.00	3.50	0.82
Inflation	3.12	5.40	1.90	0.91
Exchange rate	14980	16550	13880	540
Credit	8.45	12.10	4.50	1.98

The average financial system stability index of 102.45 indicates relatively stable conditions throughout the study period, despite significant fluctuations, particularly during the early stages of the pandemic. A standard deviation of 4.12 indicates moderate volatility. The BI Rate averages 4.25% with limited variation. This indicates relatively stable monetary policy, despite experiencing a tightening phase during periods of high inflation. Inflation had a mean of 3.12% with a maximum value of 5.40%. This indicates a period of price pressure that could impact financial sector stability, as explained by Mishkin (2016), where inflation affects market expectations and intermediation stability. The exchange rate had the second-highest standard deviation at 540, indicating significant external volatility. According to Bruno and Shin (2015), exchange rate volatility increases financial sector balance sheet risk. Credit growth averaged 8.45%, with significant variation. This reflects the dynamics of banking intermediation, which is an important indicator of financial stability (Beck, 2016).

3. Stationarity Test

Table 2. ADF Test

Variables	Level	First Difference	Status
IKK	Non-Stationary	Stationary	I(1)
BI Rate	Stationary	-	I(0)
Inflation	Stationary	-	I(0)
Exchange rate	Non-Stationary	Stationary	I(1)
Credit	Non-Stationary	Stationary	I(1)

The CCI, Exchange Rate, and Credit are not stationary at the level but become stationary at the first difference. The BI Rate and Inflation are stationary at the level. The combination of I(0) and I(1) integration confirms the use of the ARDL model as recommended by Pesaran et al. (2015).

The absence of variable I(2) indicates that the model does not experience spurious regression problems and can be used for long-term cointegration analysis.

4. Long-Term ARDL Estimation

Table 3. Long-Run Coefficients

Variables	Coefficient	t-stat	Prob
BI Rate	-0.842	-3.45	0.001
Inflation	-0.512	-2.98	0.004
Exchange rate	-0.00021	-2.54	0.013
Credit	0.664	4.11	0.000

The BI Rate coefficient of -0.842 indicates that a 1% increase in interest rates reduces financial stability by 0.842 points. This aligns with Mishkin's (2016) monetary transmission theory, which states that high interest rates increase credit risk and liquidity pressures.

Inflation has a coefficient of -0.512. This figure indicates that rising inflation contributes to a decline in financial system stability. This finding supports Aizenman et al. (2017) who stated that inflation increases economic uncertainty.

The exchange rate has a negative coefficient of -0.00021, indicating that rupiah depreciation reduces financial sector stability. Bruno & Shin (2015) explain that depreciation increases the risk of foreign exchange leverage.

Credit has a positive coefficient of 0.664. This indicates that healthy credit growth improves financial system stability through its intermediation function (Beck, 2016).

Table 4. Bounds Test

F-stat	Upper Bound
5.67	4.01

The F-statistic value is higher than the upper bound, indicating a long-term relationship between the variables. This indicates that financial system stability has a structural relationship with monetary variables.

5. Short-Term ECM Estimates

Table 5. ECM

Variables	Coef	Prob
ΔBI Rate	-0.301	0.030
ΔInflation	-0.210	0.045
ΔCurrency	-0.00012	0.049
ΔCredit	0.341	0.003

An ECT of -0.612 indicates that 61% of the imbalance is adjusted monthly. This indicates a rapid adjustment process toward long-term equilibrium. BI Rate and Inflation are significantly negative indicating that monetary policy has a direct effect on short-term stability. Positive Credit indicates the role of intermediation in maintaining economic stability quickly.

6. Diagnostic Tests

Table 6. Diagnostics

Test Type	Test Statistic	Probability	Decision
Breusch–Godfrey	F = 1.42	0.21	There is

(Autocorrelation)			autocorrelation
White (Heteroscedasticity)	Obs*R ² = 4.51	0.34	There is heteroscedasticity
Jarque–Bera (Normality)	JB = 3.42	0.18	Normally distributed residuals
CUSUM Stability Test	Max Deviation 0.214	p-value = 0.37	Stable model (with 5%)

The Breusch–Godfrey test results show a probability value of 0.21 (>0.05), indicating that the model does not experience autocorrelation. This indicates that the residuals are uncorrelated across periods, and the ARDL estimation can be considered efficient. According to Gujarati and Porter (2015), the absence of autocorrelation is a crucial requirement for the validity of a time series model.

White's test yields a probability of 0.34 (>0.05), indicating no heteroscedasticity. This means the residual variance is relatively constant throughout the study period, thus ensuring unbiased coefficient estimates. This finding supports the classical assumptions of modern econometric models.

The Jarque–Bera test shows a probability of 0.18, indicating a normally distributed residual. Residual normality is important to ensure the validity of the t- and F-statistics in the ARDL–ECM model (Wooldridge, 2016).

The parameter stability test using CUSUM yielded a maximum deviation of 0.214 with a probability of 0.37. This value is within the 5% significance limit, indicating stable model parameters throughout the study period. Parameter stability confirms that the relationship between monetary variables and financial system stability did not experience significant structural changes during the period January 2020–June 2025, including during the post-pandemic economic recovery phase.

Overall, the results of the diagnostic test show that the ARDL–ECM model used has met the econometric assumptions and is suitable for use in analyzing the short-term and long-term relationship between monetary policy and financial system stability.

Conclusion

The research results show that financial system stability is significantly influenced by monetary policy in both the short and long term. This finding aligns with modern monetary transmission theory, which places financial stability as an additional objective of monetary policy (Borio, 2014; Mishkin, 2016).

On interest rates, the long-term coefficient of -0.842 and the short-term coefficient of -0.301 indicate a significant negative effect. This means that H1 is accepted. An increase in interest rates increases borrowing costs and suppresses credit activity, as explained by Cerutti et al. (2017).

Inflation, coefficients of -0.512 and -0.210 indicate that inflation reduces financial system stability. H2 is accepted. Inflation increases economic uncertainty and the risk of bad debt (Claessens & Kose, 2018).

On the Exchange Rate, a negative coefficient indicates that rupiah depreciation reduces financial sector stability. H3 is accepted. This finding is consistent with Hofmann et al. (2016) that exchange rate volatility increases systemic risk.

On credit, positive coefficients of 0.664 and 0.341 indicate that credit increases

stability. H4 is accepted. Credit strengthens intermediation and economic growth (Beck, 2016).

In the Simultaneous Effect, the Bounds test and ECM significantly indicate that monetary variables simultaneously influence financial system stability. H5 is accepted. This is consistent with IMF research (2018).

The research findings reinforce the concept of financial stability-oriented monetary policy, which states that monetary policy must consider systemic risk. These findings also demonstrate the integration of interest rates, inflation, exchange rates, and credit channels in determining regional financial system stability.

All research hypotheses were accepted based on the ARDL and ECM results. Financial system stability is significantly influenced by monetary policy through various transmission channels. These findings have important implications for monetary policy in Indonesia and Aceh in maintaining regional economic stability.

Suggestion

Based on the research findings on the transmission of monetary policy to financial system stability in Aceh and Indonesia, several suggestions can be proposed as follows:

Bank Indonesia is encouraged to strengthen the consistency of its monetary policy coordination with financial system stability objectives, particularly through effective management of policy interest rates and inflation. The study shows that these variables exert significant short-run and long-run effects on financial stability.

Enhancing the banking sector's intermediation function should be prioritized, as the results indicate that credit growth contributes positively to financial system stability. Policymakers and financial regulators may consider promoting high-quality and productive credit expansion, especially in sectors that support sustainable economic growth.

Risk mitigation mechanisms related to exchange rate volatility need to be reinforced, especially through greater use of hedging instruments. This is important to reduce external vulnerabilities that may potentially threaten regional and national financial stability.

Closer integration and coordination between national and regional financial authorities is needed, particularly in monitoring and managing systemic risks in regional financial institutions. This is especially relevant for Aceh, which has unique economic characteristics that may respond differently to national monetary policies.

Future studies are recommended to extend the observation period and employ more advanced econometric models, such as nonlinear ARDL, TVP-VAR, or regime-switching methods, to capture possible changes in the behavior of monetary transmission over time.

These suggestions are expected to provide meaningful input for policymakers and financial authorities in formulating more adaptive and responsive strategies to maintain financial system stability in the face of evolving economic challenges.

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