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Intellectual Capital Measurement Model for Iran by Fuzzy Delphi

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Abstract

The portion of non-physical capital like knowledge in the corporations' value has been consistently increasing in the last three decades. However, the measurement for these factors has always been under question. The Intellectual Capital (IC) measurement models were a solution for the measurement. This study proposed a measurement model for IC in Iran. After reviewing and summarizing the other methods' dimensions and measures, it used two qualitative methods. In the first step, some in-depth interviews were done. The interviewees were provided with the detail of the previous models' summary. Their ideas were used to limit the number of variables in the next step. Then a group of 97 experts was asked to fulfill a questionnaire. Finally, the questionnaires were analyzed by the Fuzzy Delphi method. The result shows a measurement model with three dimensions (human, relational and structural capital), eight components, and 21 indicators (measures). This model is the first model, which is designed based on the Iranian experts' ideas. Furthermore, the first model provides all the model's indicators, components, and dimensions.

Keywords: intellectual capital, human capital, relational capital, structural capital

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1. Introduction

Increasing the company's value depends on its performance, which will ultimately increase the wealth of shareholders. Today, intellectual capital is considered one of the most influential factors in improving performance. Thus, value creation and knowledge have been identified as the most crucial intangible capital for financial and physical capital. The knowledge-based business environment requires an approach that includes new intangible organizational assets, such as human resource competencies and innovations, customer relations, administrative systems, structures, etc. In this regard, the theory of intellectual capital has attracted increasing attention from academic researchers and administrators. The role of intellectual capital in creating value for organizations and business units is much more significant than financial and physical capital. Financial statements' limitations in explaining the firm's value also reflect that resources' economic value is not limited to the value of material goods and includes intellectual capital (Mention and Bontis, 2013).

1.1. Intellectual Capital Measurement

Marr, Schiuma and Neely (2004) first proposed a model for measuring intellectual capital. After that, various methods and criteria were presented, which Sveiby (2010) classified into four main groups as follows:

- 1. Direct Intellectual Capital (DIC): These methods deal with the value of intangible assets. They insist on identifying their components. The result of these methods is the amount or ratio that determines the components of human capital.
- 2. Market Capitalization Models (MCM): These methods are based on the difference between the company's stock market value and the equity's book value.
- 3. Return On Assets (ROA): In these methods, based on subtracting the organization's return on assets from industry ratios and multiplying it by its average assets, the amount of annual profit earned is determined by the location of intangible assets. Dividing this profit by the average cost of the company's capital indicates the company's intellectual capital.
- 4. Balanced Score Card (BSC) methods: These methods are similar to the first group methods, except that they do not announce an amount for intellectual capital but provide indicators (Ferenhof et al., 2015). In the balanced scorecard model, customers' perspective provides indicators related to communication capital. The internal processes' view expresses indicators related to structural capital and training indicators about human capital.

One of the most important models for measuring intellectual capital is the Skandia model. This model was designed in 1997 by Edvinson for the Swedish insurance company Skandia. According to this model, the organization's total value is divided into financial capital and intellectual capital. Intellectual capital also includes two parts: human capital and structural capital. Human capital can be summarized in employees' ability, competence, and ability to communicate within their organization. The structural capital considers everything in the organization except human resources, such as brands, processes, structure, and organization concepts. This model can be regarded as a traditional model of intellectual capital.

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Fig 1. Traditional model of intellectual capital

The evolution of the Skandia model led to the creation of new models that briefly divide intellectual capital into the following three sections:

- Human capital: includes the knowledge, skills, and experience of employees (Subramaniam and Youndt, 2005).
- Structural capital: is related to the codified knowledge of the organization, its sources of information, and culture (Menor, Kristal and Rosenzweig, 2007).
- Communication capital means the knowledge accumulated in the organization's internal and external communication network (Buenechea, 2017).

Regarding the models of measuring intellectual capital, two groups of models can be distinguished. The first group includes models that measure the components of intellectual capital (Nazari, 2014). In this group, most constituent micro-items are considered and often have applications within the organization and management. Calculating some of these indicators requires the distribution of questionnaires among different parts of the organization. As the research limitations will be mentioned, such cases are outside the scope of this research. The second group is the indicators that calculate the intellectual capital at the level of the whole organization.

So far in Iran, various researches on intellectual capital have been conducted. However, no one has conducted any research that fully and comprehensively evaluates the various existing measurement models and provides a suitable Iran model. Therefore, this study's problem is to determine the model of measuring intellectual capital in Iran.

2. Literature Review

Marr, Schiuma and Neely (2004) stated that intellectual capital includes many invisible factors that help the organization pursue its strategies. He presented three main dimensions to the concept of intellectual capital. These dimensions are (1) human capital, (2) communication capital, and (3) structural capital. Stewart (1998) lists intellectual capital as the knowledge, information, intelligence, and experience used by an organization to create wealth. He considers the components of intellectual capital to include the following three components: (1) human capital, (2) structural capital, and (3) customer capital. Edvinsson (2002) considers intellectual capital as a combination of human capital and structural capital. Human capital includes the organization's current employees' knowledge and consists of customer relations' structural capital, the production process's efficiency, internal databases, and other institutionalized knowledge structures.

Guthrie, Ricceri and Dumay (2012) stated four components for intellectual capital. These components are (1) human capital, (2) organizational capital: related to the structure of formal and informal systems used by the organization, (3) marketing capital: related to marketing relationships

and its networks, and (4) production capital, which Includes a specialized production process developed over time.

Jacobsen, Hofman-Bang and Nordby (2005) emphasized that not measuring intellectual capital leads to irrelevant balance sheet information and challenges the full disclosure principle. Williams (2001) stated that current financial reporting provides an inappropriate accounting method for intellectual property. They argue that if we look at the usefulness of financial statements for valuation, the organization's knowledge assets' total value must be disclosed in the financial statements.

Andriessen (2004) concluded that accountants should include information about unreported intellectual property in financial statements or financial risk reports. Otherwise, these reports will no longer be suitable for shareholders to assess the value of the company. Montemari and Nielsen (2013) state that a balance sheet that does not include intellectual capital would be misleading in measuring firm value.

According to Statement of Accounting Concepts No. 8, the most crucial purpose of financial reporting is to provide helpful information for actual and potential suppliers of resources for the organization (Financial Accounting Standards Board, 2010). This information should determine the status of the resources available to the organization. One of the most important resources at the disposal of the organization is its intellectual capital. Based on the above, accounting does not currently provide complete information about intellectual capital.

Garanina and Dumay (2017) introduced the following three models for measuring intellectual capital:

- 1. Models based on market capital value: These models consider the difference between market value and the book value of owners' rights as intellectual capital.
- 2. Models based on the return on assets: According to these models, whenever a company's return on assets is higher than its industry, there is a difference in the value of this unregistered intellectual capital in that company.
- 3. Models based on a specific element: these models differentiate the different groups of existing knowledge, awareness assets and allocate an amount to that asset on a particular basis. Some of these fundamentals of value are the historical cost of creating the asset, the asset's replacement value, and the asset's discounted future cash flows.

3. Research Methodology

As mentioned, the questions of the present study have been answered in three steps. To design the model, in the first step the research examined and analyzed the existing theoretical foundations, the theoretical model of measurement was presented. In the second step of the study, the initial model is reviewed, approved, and developed to present a modified conceptual model. Finally, in the third step, the model obtained from the second stage is reviewed and evaluated, and the final model is proposed and reviewed.

Step 1: Study the existing models

The paper discussed the previous models to analyze the similarities and differences, compare them, and propose the initial theoretical model.

Step 2: Get the opinion of experts in the form of interviews

This section designed semi-structured interviews and conducted them according to the commonalities and differences identified in the first step. Then, due to the novelty of the subject in Iran and the lack of access to knowledgeable people, we prepared the final questionnaire by the opinions of the research leadership team, the views of 3 people from universities in Australia, Canada,

and Spain (six people in total), and the literature of the topic.

Step 3: Descriptive survey research method by Fuzzy Delphi method

This section collected the experts' opinions by the Fuzzy Delphi method. Experts in this section include the following groups:

- Faculty members of universities and graduate students of accounting and finance, •
- Independent auditors (members of the Iranian Society of Certified Public Accountants) •
- Professional experts in relevant organizations •

Also, due to the topic's multidisciplinary nature, another essential feature of the selected experts is to have a comprehensive view of various specialized dimensions and positions on the subject of intellectual capital. The results of this section are described in detail.

4. Research Results

4.1. Results of the First Step of model design

| Dimension | Component | Indicator | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---|--|
| | | Number of Employees | |
| | Employees' Characteristics | Labour Force Productivity | |
| | Employees Characteristics | Employees' Education Level | |
| Human Capital | | Average Employees' Experience | |
| | Training | Annual Training Hours | |
| | Training | Training Cost | |
| | Work Environment | Employees' Job Satisfaction | |
| | | Accuracy of Information and Documentation | |
| | Dessesses | Level of Information Sharing | |
| | Processes | ISO Certificates | |
| | | Process Effectiveness | |
| | | Innovation Capacity | |
| | | Time to Market for New Products | |
| | Innovation | Rate of New Technologies Use | |
| | | New Product and Service Resilience | |
| Structural Capital | | Research and Development Cost | |
| 1 | D | Level and Situation of the Inventories | |
| | | Good and Service Delivery Time | |
| | | Inventory Turnover | |
| | | Productivity | |
| | Resources Usage | Machinery Utilization Rate | |
| | | Timeliness of Information | |
| | | Transparency of Information | |
| | | Reliability of Information | |
| | | Variety of Services | |
| | | Customer Service Level | |
| | Customer service | Customer Inquiry Respond Time | |
| | | Responding and Solving Customer Problems | |
| | | Customer complaints | |
| Delecter 1 Control | | Flexibility in Responding to Customers' Needs | |
| Relational Capital | | Level of relationships and partnerships | |
| | Customer Relationship | Customers' Loyalty | |
| | | Trust and commitment to partners | |
| | | Customer and partner satisfaction | |
| | | Market Portion | |
| | Market Relationship | Social Responsibility | |
| | | ons to provide a basic theoretical mod | |

Table 1 Dimensions Components and Indicators of Intellectual Capital

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examining different models and matching them, the dimensions, components, and intellectual capital indicators based on theoretical foundations are shown in Table 1.

4.2. Results of the second step of designing the model

As the second step stated, to provide a modified conceptual model, this step collected the interviewees' opinions on each item in the initial model to determine whether each item is approved or not. Based on the results obtained from the content of the interviews conducted in the second stage, the first stage's theoretical model was improved to present a modified conceptual model and used in the third stage of the research to become the final model. Table 2 illustrates the results of this step.

| Table 2. Dimensions, Components, and Indicators of Modified Model | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|---|---------|--|
| Dimension | Component | Indicator | Result | |
| | | Number of Employees | Approve | |
| | Employees' Characteristics | Labour Force Productivity | Approve | |
| | Employees Characteristics | Employees' Education Level | Reject | |
| Human Capital | | Average Employees' Experience | Approve | |
| | Training | Annual Training Hours | Approve | |
| | Training | Training Cost | Approve | |
| | Work Environment | Employees' Job Satisfaction | Approve | |
| | | Accuracy of Information and Documentation | Reject | |
| | Processes | Level of Information Sharing | Approve | |
| | Processes | ISO Certificates | Approve | |
| | | Process Effectiveness | Approve | |
| | | Innovation Capacity | Approve | |
| | | Time to Market for New Products | Approve | |
| | Innovation | Rate of New Technologies Use | Reject | |
| | | New Product and Service Resilience | Approve | |
| Structural Capital | | Research and Development Cost | Approve | |
| | | Level and Situation of the Inventories | Approve | |
| | Resources Usage | Good and Service Delivery Time | Approve | |
| | | Inventory Turnover | Approve | |
| | | Productivity | Approve | |
| | | Machinery Utilization Rate | Approve | |
| | | Timeliness of Information | Approve | |
| | | Transparency of Information | Approve | |
| | | Reliability of Information | Approve | |
| | | Variety of Services | Approve | |
| | | Customer Service Level | Approve | |
| | Customer service | Customer Inquiry Respond Time | Approve | |
| | | Responding and Solving Customer Problems | Approve | |
| | | Customer complaints | Approve | |
| Polational Canital | | Flexibility in Responding to Customers' Needs | Approve | |
| Relational Capital | | Level of relationships and partnerships | Approve | |
| | Customer Relationship | Customers' Loyalty | Approve | |
| | | Trust and commitment to partners | Approve | |
| | | Customer and partner satisfaction | Approve | |
| | Market Relationship | Market Portion | Approve | |
| | | Social Responsibility | Approve | |

4.3. Results of the Third Step of model design the final conceptual model

In the third step and present the final model, the respondents' answers about the distributed questionnaires' questions based on the second step's modified conceptual model have been studied. Ultimately, the final conceptual model for measuring intellectual capital in Iran is presented. Based on the review of theoretical and empirical foundations in the first step and specialist interviews

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conducted in the second step, the indicators in the third stage of the research have been identified and screened. The second step identified 34 indicators to start the third step of the study, which Table 3 illustrates.

| Table 3. Dimensions, Components, and Indicators of Modified Model codes | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|---|------|--|
| Dimension | Component | Indicator | Code | |
| | ` | Number of Employees | C01 | |
| | Employees' Characteristics | Labour Force Productivity | C02 | |
| | Employees Characteristics | Employees' Education Level | C03 | |
| Human Capital | | Average Employees' Experience | C04 | |
| | Training | Annual Training Hours | C05 | |
| | 0 | Training Cost | C06 | |
| | Work Environment | Employees' Job Satisfaction | C07 | |
| | | Level of Information Sharing | C08 | |
| | Processes | ISO Certificates | C09 | |
| | | Process Effectiveness | C10 | |
| | | Innovation Capacity | C11 | |
| | Innovation | Time to Market for New Products | C12 | |
| | millovation | New Product and Service Resilience | C13 | |
| | | Research and Development Cost | C14 | |
| Structural Capital | | Level and Situation of the Inventories | C15 | |
| | | Good and Service Delivery Time | C16 | |
| | Resources Usage | Inventory Turnover | C17 | |
| | | Productivity | C18 | |
| | Resources Osage | Machinery Utilization Rate | C19 | |
| | | Timeliness of Information | C20 | |
| | | Transparency of Information | C21 | |
| | | Reliability of Information | C22 | |
| | | Variety of Services | C23 | |
| | | Customer Service Level | C24 | |
| | Customer service | Customer Inquiry Respond Time | C25 | |
| | | Responding and Solving Customer Problems | C26 | |
| | | Customer complaints | C27 | |
| Relational Capital | | Flexibility in Responding to Customers' Needs | C28 | |
| Kelational Capital | Customer Relationship | Level of relationships and partnerships | C29 | |
| | | Customers' Loyalty | C30 | |
| | | Trust and commitment to partners | C31 | |
| | | Customer and partner satisfaction | C32 | |
| | Market Relationship | Market Portion | C33 | |
| | | Social Responsibility | C34 | |

In the third stage of the research, the Fuzzy Delphi approach was used to screen the indicators and identify the final indicators. As mentioned earlier, in the third step, the researcher first summarizes the concept of intellectual capital to the respondents to review the theoretical content of the topic for the audience. Then the respondents were asked to answer the questionnaire. This step used the Internet platform and Google questionnaire tools to complete the questionnaires. The questionnaire was sent by email to 270 people and sent to social networks related to accountants, auditors, and capital market activists, making it difficult to determine the exact number of questionnaires sent. However, the total number of responses received from all the mentioned sources was 105, of which 97 were identifiable.

Descriptions presented no items related to the questions' subject (measurement models, dimensions, components, and indicators) to maintain neutrality and not comment on conceptual information presentation. Based on the questionnaires' results, the final conceptual model of research measuring intellectual capital in Iran was proposed.

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Experts were asked to comment on the mentioned factors in the form of relevant components and indicators. Then, the Fuzzy Delphi approach was used to screen and identify the final indicators. Thus, using the Delphi questionnaire, 97 experts' views on each index were collected. This step took the following steps to analyze the opinions received to identify the final indicators.

Step 1: Identify the appropriate spectrum for Fuzzy verbal expressions,

Step 2: Fuzzy aggregation of Fuzzy values,

Step 3: Fuzzy de-Fuzzy values and

Step 4: Select the tolerance threshold and sift through the effective indicators.

Step 1: Identify the appropriate spectrum for Fuzzy verbal expressions

Experts' perspectives have been used to assess the importance of the indicators. Although experts use their competencies and mental abilities to make comparisons, it should be noted that the traditional process of quantifying people's perspectives does not fully reflect the human thinking style. In other words, the use of Fuzzy sets is more compatible with linguistic and sometimes ambiguous human explanations. Therefore it is better to use Fuzzy sets (using Fuzzy numbers) to make long-term predictions and real-world decisions (Kahraman, 2008).

In this research, Fuzzy triangular numbers have been used to Fuzzy the view of experts. Experts' views on the importance of each indicator are collected with a 7-degree Fuzzy spectrum. In this study, the single-phase Fuzzy Delphi method is used to better and more accurately collect experts' opinions; a 7-point Likert scale with corresponding Fuzzy triangle numbers is used as described in Table 4

| Definitive equivalent | Verbal Variable | Fuzzy Number |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Completely Insignificant | (0, 0, 0.1) |
| 2 | Very Insignificant | (0, 0.1, 0.3) |
| 3 | Insignificant | (0.1, 0.3, 0.5) |
| 4 | Medium | (0.3, 0.5, 0.75) |
| 5 | Significant | (0.5, 0.75, 0.9) |
| 6 | Very Significant | (0.75, 0.9, 1) |
| 7 | Completely Significant | (0.9, 1, 1) |

Table 4. 7-point Likert scale with corresponding Fuzzy triangle numbers for value evaluation

Step 2: Fuzzy aggregation of Fuzzy values

After selecting the appropriate Fuzzy spectrum, experts' opinions were collected and recorded fuzzily (here in the form of Fuzzy triangle numbers). First, the expert panel view was Fuzzy for each research indicator, using the Fuzzy average method. Table 5 summarizes opinions and describes results as a Fuzzy triangle.

Step 3: De-fuzzification of Fuzzy values

To sum up, it is usually the mean of triangular and trapezoidal Fuzzy numbers by a definite value that is the best corresponding mean. This operation is called de-fuzzing. There are several ways to de-Fuzzy. In this research, the surface center method has been used for de-fuzzing. In this step, after the Fuzzy aggregation of the experts' point of view, the values obtained for each index de-fuzzification using the surface center method. Table 6 shows the results of de-fuzzification and determination of the definite value of each indicator.

| 2 1.1 | uzzy mean of the panel of experts for each of the rese | | | | |
|-------|--|------|--------|------|-----------------------|
| | Code | Low | Medium | Up | mean |
| | C01 | 0.90 | 0.79 | 0.60 | (0.896,0.786,0.597) |
| | C02 | 0.93 | 0.82 | 0.63 | (0.93,0.819,0.63) |
| | C03 | 0.93 | 0.81 | 0.63 | (0.926, 0.811, 0.625) |
| | C04 | 0.93 | 0.83 | 0.65 | (0.934,0.827,0.65) |
| | C05 | 0.93 | 0.84 | 0.67 | (0.93,0.837,0.668) |
| | C06 | 0.96 | 0.88 | 0.71 | (0.964, 0.875, 0.708) |
| | C07 | 0.81 | 0.65 | 0.47 | (0.809,0.654,0.47) |
| | C08 | 0.94 | 0.82 | 0.64 | (0.936,0.822,0.644) |
| | C09 | 0.95 | 0.86 | 0.70 | (0.947, 0.864, 0.698) |
| | C10 | 0.71 | 0.53 | 0.35 | (0.71,0.531,0.353) |
| | C11 | 0.71 | 0.53 | 0.36 | (0.707,0.531,0.358) |
| | C12 | 0.94 | 0.85 | 0.68 | (0.943, 0.847, 0.677) |
| | C13 | 0.94 | 0.84 | 0.67 | (0.935, 0.835, 0.668) |
| | C14 | 0.83 | 0.67 | 0.49 | (0.831,0.673,0.488) |
| | C15 | 0.76 | 0.58 | 0.39 | (0.763, 0.576, 0.388) |
| | C16 | 0.95 | 0.87 | 0.71 | (0.951,0.87,0.709) |
| | C17 | 0.97 | 0.89 | 0.72 | (0.97,0.886,0.722) |
| | C18 | 0.78 | 0.59 | 0.40 | (0.778,0.59,0.402) |
| | C19 | 0.95 | 0.84 | 0.66 | (0.945,0.835,0.66) |
| | C20 | 0.92 | 0.79 | 0.61 | (0.916,0.792,0.61) |
| | C21 | 0.93 | 0.81 | 0.64 | (0.926,0.812,0.635) |
| | C22 | 0.86 | 0.74 | 0.56 | (0.86,0.735,0.557) |
| | C23 | 0.71 | 0.53 | 0.36 | (0.707,0.531,0.358) |
| | C24 | 0.84 | 0.69 | 0.50 | (0.843, 0.686, 0.495) |
| | C25 | 0.76 | 0.58 | 0.39 | (0.763, 0.576, 0.388) |
| | C26 | 0.95 | 0.86 | 0.68 | (0.954, 0.857, 0.684) |
| | C27 | 0.79 | 0.63 | 0.45 | (0.79,0.634,0.451) |
| | C28 | 0.81 | 0.66 | 0.47 | (0.811, 0.656, 0.466) |
| | C29 | 0.75 | 0.59 | 0.42 | (0.749,0.591,0.416) |
| | C30 | 0.91 | 0.79 | 0.60 | (0.912,0.787,0.601) |
| | C31 | 0.79 | 0.64 | 0.46 | (0.792,0.639,0.458) |
| | C32 | 0.93 | 0.81 | 0.63 | (0.928,0.811,0.628) |
| | C33 | 0.88 | 0.76 | 0.59 | (0.88, 0.76, 0.585) |
| | C34 | 0.94 | 0.83 | 0.66 | (0.941,0.833,0.658) |

Table 5. The Fuzzy mean of the panel of experts for each of the research indicators

Step 4: Select the tolerance threshold and sift through the effective indicators

After de-fuzzification and determination of each indicator's definite values, a tolerance threshold should be considered to screen the final indicators. According to the type of research and following the study, the tolerance threshold is considered 0.7. If the definite value obtained from the fuzziness of the experts' aggregated view is greater than the tolerance threshold, the desired indicator is approved as an appropriate indicator. Otherwise, it is rejected. Thus, the de-Fuzzy value greater than 0.7 is acceptable, and an index with a score below 0.7 is rejected (Wu & Fang, 2011). Table 7 shows the final results of this section.

As the table shows, out of 34 indicators, in the form of 9 components, 25 indicators have been accepted by experts. It shows that experts leading indicators of measuring intellectual capital are perceived as useful due to their impact.

5. Conclusion

After performing the above steps and modifying the model, the final model for measuring intellectual capital in Iran is described in Table 10.

| Code | mean | Crisp |
|------|-----------------------|-------|
| C01 | (0.896,0.786,0.597) | 0.76 |
| C02 | (0.93,0.819,0.63) | 0.79 |
| C03 | (0.926,0.811,0.625) | 0.79 |
| C04 | (0.934,0.827,0.65) | 0.80 |
| C05 | (0.93,0.837,0.668) | 0.81 |
| C06 | (0.964,0.875,0.708) | 0.85 |
| C07 | (0.809,0.654,0.47) | 0.64 |
| C08 | (0.936,0.822,0.644) | 0.80 |
| C09 | (0.947,0.864,0.698) | 0.84 |
| C10 | (0.71,0.531,0.353) | 0.53 |
| C11 | (0.707,0.531,0.358) | 0.53 |
| C12 | (0.943,0.847,0.677) | 0.82 |
| C13 | (0.935,0.835,0.668) | 0.81 |
| C14 | (0.831,0.673,0.488) | 0.66 |
| C15 | (0.763, 0.576, 0.388) | 0.58 |
| C16 | (0.951,0.87,0.709) | 0.84 |
| C17 | (0.97, 0.886, 0.722) | 0.86 |
| C18 | (0.778, 0.59, 0.402) | 0.59 |
| C19 | (0.945,0.835,0.66) | 0.81 |
| C20 | (0.916,0.792,0.61) | 0.77 |
| C21 | (0.926,0.812,0.635) | 0.79 |
| C22 | (0.86,0.735,0.557) | 0.72 |
| C23 | (0.707,0.531,0.358) | 0.53 |
| C24 | (0.843,0.686,0.495) | 0.67 |
| C25 | (0.763, 0.576, 0.388) | 0.58 |
| C26 | (0.954,0.857,0.684) | 0.83 |
| C27 | (0.79,0.634,0.451) | 0.63 |
| C28 | (0.811,0.656,0.466) | 0.64 |
| C29 | (0.749,0.591,0.416) | 0.59 |
| C30 | (0.912,0.787,0.601) | 0.77 |
| C31 | (0.792,0.639,0.458) | 0.63 |
| C32 | (0.928,0.811,0.628) | 0.79 |
| C33 | (0.88,0.76,0.585) | 0.74 |
| C34 | (0.941,0.833,0.658) | 0.81 |

Table 6. Determining the definite value of each indicator

For the first time, this study, using experts' opinions and the world's theoretical foundations, developed a model for measuring intellectual capital in Iran. This research, which results from gathering theoretical and experimental evidence in this field, can help increase the depth of the existing literature in the field and provide a tool for researchers to measure intellectual capital. In addition, the proposed model can also help valuation activists (including capital markets and financial and credit institutions) have a more accurate estimate of the actual value of intellectual capital hidden within organizations.

| Table 7. Results of screening of research indicators | | | |
|--|---|-------|---------|
| Code | Indicator | Crisp | Result |
| C01 | Number of Employees | 0.76 | Approve |
| C02 | Labour Force Productivity | 0.79 | Approve |
| C03 | Employees' Education Level | 0.79 | Approve |
| C04 | Average Employees' Experience | 0.80 | Approve |
| C05 | Annual Training Hours | 0.81 | Approve |
| C06 | Training Cost | 0.85 | Approve |
| C07 | Employees' Job Satisfaction | 0.64 | Reject |
| C08 | Level of Information Sharing | 0.80 | Approve |
| C09 | ISO Certificates | 0.84 | Approve |
| C10 | Process Effectiveness | 0.53 | Reject |
| C11 | Innovation Capacity | 0.53 | Reject |
| C12 | Time to Market for New Products | 0.82 | Approve |
| C13 | New Product and Service Resilience | 0.81 | Approve |
| C14 | Research and Development Cost | 0.66 | Reject |
| C15 | Level and Situation of the Inventories | 0.58 | Reject |
| C16 | Good and Service Delivery Time | 0.84 | Approve |
| C17 | Inventory Turnover | 0.86 | Approve |
| C18 | Productivity | 0.59 | Reject |
| C19 | Machinery Utilization Rate | 0.81 | Approve |
| C20 | Timeliness of Information | 0.77 | Approve |
| C21 | Transparency of Information | 0.79 | Approve |
| C22 | Reliability of Information | 0.72 | Approve |
| C23 | Variety of Services | 0.53 | Reject |
| C24 | Customer Service Level | 0.67 | Reject |
| C25 | Customer Inquiry Respond Time | 0.58 | Reject |
| C26 | Responding and Solving Customer Problems | 0.83 | Approve |
| C27 | Customer complaints | 0.63 | Reject |
| C28 | Flexibility in Responding to Customers' Needs | 0.64 | Reject |
| C29 | Level of relationships and partnerships | 0.59 | Reject |
| C30 | Customers' Loyalty | 0.77 | Approve |
| C31 | Trust and commitment to partners | 0.63 | Reject |
| C32 | Customer and partner satisfaction | 0.79 | Approve |
| C33 | Market Portion | 0.74 | Approve |
| C34 | Social Responsibility | 0.81 | Approve |

Table 7. Results of screening of research indicators

| Table 8. The final model for measuring intellectual capital in Iran | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Dimension | Component | Indicator | | |
| | | Number of Employees | | |
| | | Labour Force Productivity | | |
| Human Capital | Employees' Characteristics | Employees' Education Level | | |
| Human Capital | | Average Employees' Experience | | |
| | Training | Annual Training Hours | | |
| | Training | Training Cost | | |
| | Processes | Level of Information Sharing | | |
| | FIOCESSES | ISO Certificates | | |
| | Innovation | Time to Market for New Products | | |
| | | New Product and Service Resilience | | |
| Structural Capital | | Good and Service Delivery Time | | |
| Structural Capital | | Inventory Turnover | | |
| | Resources Usage | Machinery Utilization Rate | | |
| | | Timeliness of Information | | |
| | | Transparency of Information | | |
| | | Reliability of Information | | |
| Relational Capital | Customer service | Responding and Solving Customer Problems | | |
| | Customer Deletionship | Customers' Loyalty | | |
| | Customer Relationship | Customer and partner satisfaction | | |
| | Market Polationship | Market Portion | | |
| | Market Relationship | Social Responsibility | | |

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|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Dimension Component | | Indicator | |
| | Employees' Characteristics | Number of Employees | |
| luman Capital | | Labour Force Productivity | |
| | | Employees' Education Level | |
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