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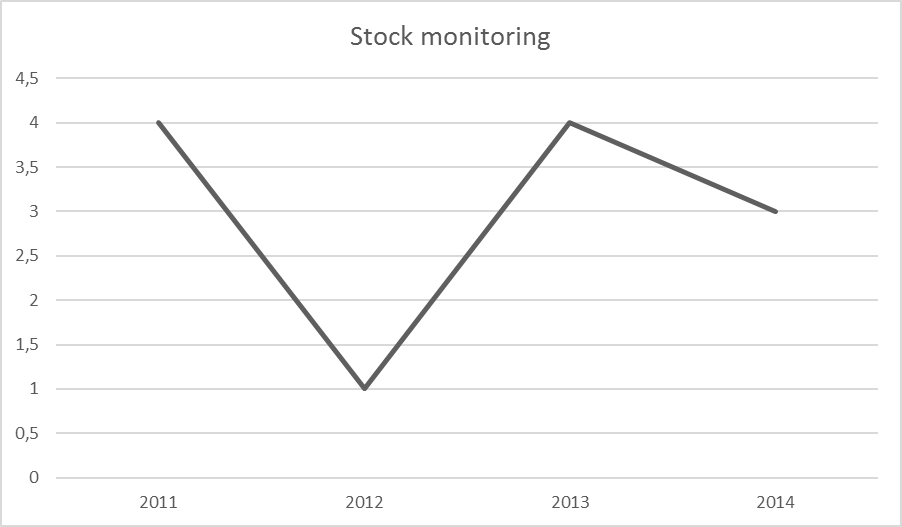


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Table 1: Table caption

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Model 1 | Model 2 | Model 3 | Model 4 |
| Constant | −0.1333 | −0.1058 | −0.1084 | −0.1146 |
| Discount rate | −0.3069 | −0.2981 | −0.3103 | −0.3039 |
| Dummy variable | −0.1041 | −0.1053 | −0.1070 | −0.1019 |

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