

## Discussion of **Disclosure, volatility and transparency**.

Nice piece of empirical work filling a gap in the literature.

- First to investigate the empirical relationship between volatility and disclosure mechanisms in a banking context.
- Rigorous econometric methodology.

### Comments:

- 1) How is the volatility computed? Annual from weekly returns (Bloomberg)? Weighted ? Why not shorter term (90 days)? Why not forward looking instead of backward looking? Market forecast via implied vol or GARCH?
- 2) Analysis based on volatility as measure of risk: Semivariance (downsize risk), VaR, ES?
- 3) Provide more info about data: pie charts for repartition per countries, retail versus investment banks (cf. profit coming from main activity),...
- 4) Impact of exchange rate? Is it USD denominated or currency dependent (cf. size)?
- 5) ROE is often the focus of banks instead of ROA.
- 6) the set  $I$  should be defined on page 5.