

# Review of: "The “Africa Rising”: An Exploratory Analysis with the Gross Domestic Product Data"

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The paper addresses an interesting research question. However, it cannot be considered for publication in its present form.

First, proof reading is required. it is like the text has been translated to English.

second, the author doesn't show how his research is contributing to existing literature. Literature on economic growth drivers is abundant and at anytime the author explains if there is a gap in this literature and how his study fills in this gap. The literature review section is almost missing. Just a table that listes some previous works and summarises their findings.

Using GMM-sys to estimate growth models is not new. many previous studies used the same technique.

Too many variables are included in the regression model, without theoretical support. ad hoc specifications are generally difficult to accept especially when it comes to growth models. besides, the author didn't provide a correlation matrix. too many coefficients are not significant with can be caused by high correlation between variables.

the time dimension is not without raising concerns, as the presence of unit roots in the series is not excluded even with a period of 10 years.

averaging over 2 periods of 5 years could be a solution.

descriptive statistics should be presented using the original values of the variables. i cannot read in the table presented by the author.