

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

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I appreciate the author to take the challenge of writing such an article which is very timely to bring the African story to others. However, the paper still has some flaws which need to be addressed to bring this into a publishable state.

- a) Title of the paper needs revision - the study focuses on the drivers/factors of economic growth in African Countries.
- b) Abstract needs to be more tightened and should cover objectives, methodologies, findings and implications briefly.
- c) Introduction still fails to attract potential readers, needs to be revisited.
- d) Author tries to improve literature section. It is important to have a table summarizing relevant literature, however, table should be brief. It is better to bring out the details from the table to discussion part. Author have still option to rethink the organization of literature to identify gaps which lead the authors to develop research goals/objectives of the study.
- e) I am not convinced with the use of GMM which needs to be presented logically with the relevant tests of model specification. Considering too many variables weaken the model and its interpretation. Author may reduce some of the variables to bring more focus into the analysis.
- f) The work should identify its limitation (if any) and mentions its major contribution to existing body of knowledge. Similarly, it may provide some future research dimensions.

The overall observation is that it has some methodological, theoretical and professional lacking which the author should address to make it publishable.