

Review of: "Government expenditure and economic growth: evidence from the critical sectors in an emerging economy"

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Abstract

The abstract summarised the research objective, methodology, research finding, and conclusion. However, it is suggested to add the problem statement and justify the need to carry out the study.

Introduction

- This paper briefly discussed why Nigeria country was chosen; however, the author may include why to focus on 1981-2020. Also, include figures showing economic growth trends and expenditure from 1981-2020.
- It would help if the author started the introduction by explaining what you do and why.
- You need to explain the findings of your study as part of the introduction. What did you find? What are the implications of your findings?

Literature Review

- Although the authors list some of the previous studies, they should include the justification of this study by showing the research gap.
- In the last paragraph, you should focus on distinguishing your study from the others in Nigeria. Highlight the main limitations of prior studies, and state how your study addresses them.

Research methodology

- This section requires improvement, particularly in justifying the variables used and control variables.
- Further, it should explain some abbreviations such as CBN
- Briefly explain the VECM technique. Please include justifications for using this method.

Result

- For Table 2 and Table 3, It should be better to show a line graph instated of Tables.
- The author may summarise the result in Table 5-9. Further, it requires improvement, particularly in justifying the variables used and supported by theory. The empirical section is not limited to setting points to explain some statistical findings (positive or negative direction), and the author may need to give further analysis.

General Comment

This paper needs proper language editing. Please sent the manuscript to professional proofreading.