

Review of: "GERD: A Catalyst for the Nation-Building Process in Ethiopia"

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Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

Manuscript Title	The topic is quite interesting and seems ok.
Abstract	A lot of information is missing for example the aim of the study and methodology part. The research approach that the study adopted, the sampling technique that was used to collect data is also missing. The findings and the data analysis method are also missing. Implications should have been highlighted in a sentence.
Introduction	Revise this section
Exploration of the problem	This section is missing in the document. Remember, the purpose of the problem statement is to identify the issue that is a concern and focus it on a way that allows it to be studied in a systematic way. It defines the problem and proposes a way to research a solution or demonstrates why further information is needed for a solution to become possible. For example, explain what is the problem that you want to address, how is it a problem. What is the significance of not addressing this problem? What are the possible future outcomes? Talk about the present state of affairs and how the problem impacts a person's life or Ethiopia as a country. For example, here the problem that Ethiopia confronts can be discussed and how it affects the country. GERD should also be brought it as how it
	will eradicate those problems.
Aim and Objectives	The aim of the study is not clear and there are no objectives or research questions that the study will address.
Literature Review	This is well written.
Methods	This section is missing in this document. Methodology clarifies the research inquiry and why the inquiry is imperative. It clarifies the writing the researcher is utilizing, the dialect and phrasing, alternate hypotheses and clarifications being utilized, the routines and the kind of examination that will be utilized to decipher the information and data gathered.
Findings	There are no findings in this document.
References	Inconsistency in the in-text reference: (Aronczyk (2007). (Kaneva, 2011). (Deutsch, & Foltz, 2010) (Darden and Mylonas, 2016). (Posen 1993) (Hobsbawm, 1990) (Sambanis et al., 2015). (Dobbins, et al. 2007)
Conclusion	The conclusion needs a revision, however, there are the no recommendations made.
General Comments and Decision	This is a relevant topic, and the conceptualisation is built on strong argumentation and literature. It is very unclear how and to what extent the dam will help eradicate poverty and promote nationalism and accelerate the state-building process. GERD will not cater for the whole country to reduce poverty; I suggest that the author focuses on a specific area and not the whole country. The idea that GERD will reduce poverty is not proven yet, therefore this is a hypothesis that needs to be proven.

