

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

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Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

Dear author,

I enjoyed reading your paper. However, here are some of my observations:

Title

The title of the paper is appropriate.

Abstract

The abstract lacks some basic information which is usually aimed at catching and sustaining readers' attention. The author(s) are encouraged to begin with a statement on the problem/knowledge gap which this study seeks to fill; the study's objective(s); the method, the major findings of the study and the policy implications/recommendations of the study (MUST flow from the findings).

Thus, author(s) are encouraged to recast the abstract by starting with a statement on the problem/knowledge gap which this study seeks to fill or the importance of the study in just a sentence, followed by objective(s), method(s), findings (only key findings) and policy recommendations – which **MUST** flow from the findings of the study.

Introduction

Introduction needs to highlight research problem more elaborately by citing more recent publications.

Literature Review

Review of **empirical literature** is also not properly done. The literature review section should be improved upon as there is no proper synchronization of the issues. The spread of the review suggests a thematization of the empirical review into developed and developing countries. There is also need to review recent studies in the area.

This section should be concluded with major lessons learnt from the literature and possible gaps, this is important for the paper to be able to clearly identify gaps and compare their results with the existing ones.

3. Methodology: The methodology is fine with the objectives and nature of data. However, please link some relevant studies and justify the robustness.

4. Analysis of results: The result section should enhance discussion on findings based on findings of prior empirical

studies.

Conclusion and Recommendations

The paper needs to make specific policy recommendation that is directly derived from the estimation results and not “swiping” statements that is not based on the findings.

References and In-text Citation

The in-text citation style is confusing. It MUST be strictly APA latest edition based on the journal guideline. Please strictly adhere to the provision of the journal for in-text citation and referencing. There are papers cited but not captured in the references and vice versa.

Language: There are spelling and grammatical issues. Substantial language improvement is recommended.

I suggest the paper should be ACCEPTED after **MINOR REVISION**.

Good luck to the author(s)