

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

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Empirical Analysis: The authors apply VECM model in their research, because of the nature of this empirical method, the authors need to do a series of robustness checks to improve the credibility of their results. First, the authors should reestimate their baseline model with different length of lags, for example, 1 lag or 2 lags. Second, since the estimation of VECM is sensitive to the order of variables, the authors need to reorder all the variables to check if the results are robust in different orders. Third, other relevant variable like foreign aids need to be considered in the model. Other than these, the paper deals with all related issues very well.

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