

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

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**Potential competing interests:** No potential competing interests to declare.

**Abstract:** The first sentence in the abstract needs to be rephrased to make the objective of the study clearer. Results should also be presented in a more impactful manner and further related to the objectives of the study.

The introduction could instead focus on the pertinent relationship between government expenditure and economic growth that the paper investigates. In text references are missing. More recent literature should also be referred to. The literature review should be synergized and analyzed critically and the gap in the literature should be highlighted, as well as how your research fills this gap.

**Results:** The detailed results can appear in the appendix while only the main ones could be analysed in the results section. The results should be discussed more thoroughly and their implications for the country's economy should be reinforced. There seems to be no mention of the local government. It would be good to highlight whether sub national governments also provide some of the public services like education and health and how these are funded with grant in aid. Also, it would be good to know about the components of the public debt and the share of local government debt in it. More limitations of the study could also be discussed – sample size or possible alternative methodologies that could be considered.