

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

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This is an ambitious effort at explaining growth factors or propellers for the investigated African economies. There are however some concerns I have about the paper:

- a. The model is over parameterized. The use of a data reduction technique such as Principal Component Analyses would have provided for a more succinct analyses. It is difficult to prove that the model is not over fitted.
- b. There are diagnostic tests reported in the table by the author such as the AR(2) result, Sargan, Hansen and other tests to prove the reliability of the GMM estimates. However, I struggled to find where a discussion of these results was done implying that the reliability of the estimates was not proven.
- c. Growth analyses represent one of the areas of economics with the highest theoretical underpinning. How can this study be considered right without theoretical review and framework. This looks like a convoluted econometric/statistical exercise.

I will submit that a major revision be done to account for the issues raised above as well as a general housekeeping to address some obvious grammatical inadequacies in the study.