

Review of: "Political Transition in Sudan"

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At present, v1 of the article is highly descriptive and almost entirely dependent on secondary sources. Leaving aside the factual errors - there have been more than four coups in Sudan since independence (and many more attempts!), for example - I would encourage the author to engage more with the extensive theoretical and empirical literature on Sudan, especially that published after 2011 (e.g. Berridge, el-Battahani, el-Gizouli, Hassan and Kodouda, Thomas, Weis, among others), and consider what novel argument they wish to bring in this piece, in order to better attempt the goal of making an original contribution. Rather than try and cover a large number of themes incompletely and to unclear purpose, I would urge a much greater clarity of focus and the sustenance of a core argument to run through the piece. The evidence that is included then should support that argument, rather than merely add to the description of complexity. I agree with other reviewers that the introduction and conclusion need rethinking; I suggest that follow once the argument has been reformulated.