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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</p> <p>4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p> <p>5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</p> <p>6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</p> <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<p>1. Yes!</p> <p>Government expenditure is one of the fiscal policy instruments to achieve economic goals like high economic growth. However, economic and political institutions may matters in the nations endeavors to achieve these goals. Thus, investigating the effect of democracy and corruption on economic growth via interaction with government expenditure is an interesting topic.</p> <p>2. Yes!</p> <p>3. Yes!</p> <p>4. Yes! But needs a few revision (Example: some paragraphs are too large (look at the last paragraph under conclusion section). Redundancy: example the phrase" greasing the wheels" is mentioned more than six times).</p> <p>5. Yes! But, I think some sentences needs edition(Example: the last sentence under abstract seems that the author is recommending promoting bureaucratic corruption to increase economic growth)</p> <p>6. No!</p> <p>✓ Ciation problem(example: second paragraph under Literature review)</p> <p>✓ Most of the sources are old. There are recent published works that can be easily accessed and used.</p>	<p>Citation and references have been updated</p>
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>Yes!</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>✓ Descriptive statistics is meaningless for variables like democracy and corruption. It should be avoided. Example: what does the negative mean value for variable 'democracy' tells us?</p> <p>✓ The explanations under all sections are interesting! But should be minimized merging similar ideas or avoiding redundancy.</p>	<p>Descriptive statistics has been dropped</p>

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PART 2:

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Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	