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PART 1:

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PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
<u>Abstract</u> – it is not self-explanatory. No corrections were made in the abstract. It is practically the same content from the initial paper. The argument that other reviewers did not question the quality of the abstract is not a scientific based approach. Even now it is not clear what type of secondary data the author use in the paper and what are the main important findings. <u>Keywords</u> – were not change; <u>Introduction</u> – is too long. Only partial changes were operated by the author. The aim of the study is not presented. Literature review is too long. It should be incorporated into the introduction section. <u>Material and Methods</u> – - Rows 258 – 263 what type of secondary data? - Analytical techniques: The author uses <i>AGINV</i> in the model but explains something about <i>AGRINV</i>; - what means FSRGDP in the model? - equation 4 - <i>LNAGRGDP1</i>?; - as conclusion the model is not clear and cannot be reproduced by other researchers because there are variables and indices that are not explain; <u>Results and Discussion</u> - discussion?? <u>Conclusion</u> – too long!!	-Corrected. See corrected manuscript. -I do not seem to understand what you mean by 'what type of secondary data the author used'. I had earlier explained in the write up that time-series data covering from 1970-2009 were used for the study and were obtained from publications of the Central Bank of Nigeria Statistical Bulletin, 2009; Annual Report and Statements of Account of Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) of various years, National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), 2009 and National Population Commission of various years. I have also added Variable descriptions of the source and type of data used for more explanation. Please, see corrected manuscript. -Keywords- changed, but if you have a better one, please indicate and I will adopt. Thanks. -Introduction and literature reviews have been worked upon. Please, see corrected manuscript. - Not clear. Please see the comment above on secondary data. -AGINV corrected. Please, see corrected manuscript. FSRGDP & LNAGRGDP1 are explained in the write-up. Please see corrected manuscript. Cleared- All variables have been clearly explained. See variable descriptions in corrected manuscript. Shortened. See corrected manuscript.