



SDI Review Form 1.6

Journal Name:	<u>British Journal of Economics, Management & Trade</u>
Manuscript Number:	Ms_BJEMT_20202
Title of the Manuscript:	TRADE OPENNESS AND GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE NEXUS IN NIGERIA: A BOUNDS TEST COINTEGRATION APPROACH
Type of the Article	

General guideline for Peer Review process:

This journal's peer review policy states that **NO** manuscript should be rejected only on the basis of '**lack of Novelty**', provided the manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound.

To know the complete guideline for Peer Review process, reviewers are requested to visit this link:

(<http://www.sciencedomain.org/page.php?id=sdi-general-editorial-policy#Peer-Review-Guideline>)



SDI Review Form 1.6

PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(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)</i>
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	1. Please identify the Models used with references. Try to use accepted models referred in the literature. If you use your own (such as openness of the economy as function of government expenditure and exchange rate), that needs to be adequately justified with results. 2. Please adopt standard presentation styles to present references from literature (author, year). 3. Please recheck the validity of the model since you have found the variables to have no cointegration (Bounds test results). It may be worth trying your regressions again leaving out recurrent and capital expenditure as independent variables (since any way they are captured in the model when you take government expenditure as a regressor)	Gone through literatures, we discovered that most of the studies that examined this topics used functional form of relationship. We actually followed functional relationship adopted by Aregbeyen and Ibrahim (2014). This has now been referred to and referenced under the methodology. This has been corrected We disaggregated government expenditure into recurrent and capital expenditure so as to avoid the problem autocorrelation. Also, we are interested in knowing the contributions of both capital and recurrent expenditure on openness.
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	1. The ARDL cointegration approach was developed by Pesaran and Shin (1999) and Pesaran et al. (2001). Since you adopt the technique, it worth giving reference	Pesaran et al 2001 is cited and referenced. Pesaran et al 2001 is the author referred to as 17.



SDI Review Form 1.6

	of the authors of the technique. 2. The paper shows a weak presentation. The English is poor and not well organized. I have shown and corrected grammatical mistakes (to some extent), however this should not be expected from a peer reviewer. Please make another attempt.	We have gone through the article again and all the mistakes discovered has been corrected including the one reviewers pointed our attention to.
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	The writer has made a good attempt to work on an advance topic of testing a macroeconomic concept for Nigerian economy. This is a topic which a postgraduate with a sound economic background should attempt. It would have required studying and analyzing similar work by previous researches and econometric tests to identify characteristics of the relationship. There is no evidence to show that the writer has satisfied this criteria, hence I suggest further improvement to the paper with mine and other peer reviewers comments before publication!	