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PART 1:

Journal Name:	British Journal of Economics, Management & Trade
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PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
Please double check the "conclusion" with comments from other reviewers. I observe that increase in government expenditure would increase values of capital and recurrent expenditure which are negatively impacting openness in the economy. Therefore your "conclusion" need re-examination without capital and recurrent expenditure as independent variables in the model. If autocorrelation is established and corrected with additional variables, please substantiate with D-W stats. Please double check the comments of other reviewers on the point of your model containing capital and recurrent expenditure along with government expenditure as an independent variable.	Current and capital expenditure are included so as to know the impact of each on openness. On the issue of autocorrelation and the likes. ARDL model test for autocorrelation and others and the results of test in there in table 5. The other reviewers did not raise issue about autocorrelation. ARDL model does not generate D.W statistics. I referred to study by Aregbeyen and Ibrahim (2014) that also included both capital and recurrent expenditures in there study in my response to reviewers comment send to me.