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**PART 1: Review Comments**

|                                            | <b>Reviewer's comment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Author's comment</b> <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>                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b><u>Compulsory</u></b> REVISION comments | In my opinion, the model in question suffers from a serious misspecification. In fact, considering that $Y = C + I + G$ only makes sense if the economy is closed, which is obviously not the case. So I suggest considering exports and imports as additional important elements in explaining Y.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | The exclusion of imports and exports in the model finds justification in the fact that only common determinants of public spending and economic growth in Nigeria were included in the analysis. The inclusion of extremely large number of variables could yield weak inter-correlation among variables which would undermine the efficiency of factor analysis. |
| <b><u>Minor</u></b> REVISION comments      | As is known, a good practice in scientific research is to provide evidence of reproducible results. From this point of view, I think the authors should provide the data under analysis, at least in terms of figures.<br>In addition to that fact, the list of references presents several problems, namely a non-identification of the pages (of the volumes) of the journals in which articles are supposed to have been published, as well as inaccuracies about some years of publication. Thus, it becomes difficult to access these references. In fact, I was unable to find most of the references, in order to check them. | I wholly subscribe to the view of the reviewer on the need to enclose the data for a possible replication of the study. The data are hereby enclosed                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b><u>Optional/General</u></b> comments    | Given the issue under analysis, ignoring the, so called, Wagner's law seems a little bit disappointing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Is not only a little bit disappointing but a serious mistake as it has become obvious that Wagner's law is indispensable a suitable theoretical base of the study.                                                                                                                                                                                                |