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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)
Compulsory REVISION comments		
Minor REVISION comments	According to general guidelines research article should not exceed 6 000 words. This article has more than 12 000 words. There are only a few grammar mistakes: Line 31 – should be “has broadly been” Line 227 – twice “due to” was used. Line 455 should be “inflation negatively impacts” Line 647 – should be “an unidirectional” In line 780 it is better to write on the basis of the conducted study the following recommendation...”	I have made attempts to reduce the number of words to 10,000. Further reduction may compromise on content and quality of the paper. Corrections done
Optional/General comments	This a very interesting study. The article concerns a very important issue of fiscal consolidation which seems to be necessary, particularly in developing countries, characterized by the lack of fiscal discipline and increasing budget deficits that impede achieving socio-economic development goals. The implementation of the ARDL models allows the indication of main factors, which were both responsible for public recurrent and public investment spending in Kenya in years 2000-2015.	Noted and appreciated.