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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">Journal of Economics, Management and Trade</a>                                                               |
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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 | The paper includes original empirical data and normally should not exceed 25 double-spaced pages of text (including references) and less than 6,000 words. This paper exceeds 28 pages and more than 6,000 words.                                                       | I have made attempts to reduce the number of words to 10,000. Further reduction may compromise on content and quality of the paper. Note that the paper carries out four regression analyses thus the accompanying motivation for the study, literature review and discussion of the results have a great bearing on the number of words.                                        |
| <b><u>Minor</u></b> REVISION comments      | The author has to explain how he built the equation (1), (2)...(5). On the other hand it is unclear how the author established the models (1)...(4)<br>Also I recommend to explain the linear dependence between the dependent variables and the independent variables. | This has been explained in the methodology section, which has been revised.<br><br>This is largely based on the literature reviewed which have employed the explanatory variables included in this study. In specifying the empirical model, the standard median voter demand model presented in Equation 5 is log transformed hence the linear dependence assumed by the models |
| <b><u>Optional/General</u></b> comments    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |