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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	The author operates with the concept of "financial consolidation," but nowhere clearly explained what he means by this term. The author has worked out recommendations based on the dependencies he has received, but for this it is necessary to be sure that they exist. For verification, I recommend using the statistics of Durbin-Watson. I send a review, after correcting the shortcomings, the article can be printed.	Term explained in the text (see the revised introduction section). In view of the fact that Durbin-Watson test is not valid if there are lagged values of the dependent variable on the right hand side of the equation and for higher order auto-regressive process, the study used Breusch-Godfrey LM test to ascertain the robustness of the results
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	It is unclear what caused the introduction of the literary review almost in the middle of the article. It would be more logical to start with a literary review, to state what others have done, and on this basis draw conclusions about the existence of a problem.	The introduction section has been revised (see the section in yellow).
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	It is not very clear, and the author clearly does not say anywhere about it, whether the data he has received are characterized by one country, or can be spread at least to the region	The data was not obtained from a single source hence not all variables are characterized by one country. The paper was derived from my thesis that focuses on Kenya thus I have not explored the possibility of accessing data for a range of countries. This is however a good suggestion for extension of the study to other countries subject to availability of data.