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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	- Neoclassical growth theory can be split into two; Neoclassical exogenous and Neoclassical endogenous. The manuscript is having some confusion on this split. What is being referred to as neoclassical growth theory is neoclassical exogenous growth theory and the exogenous growth theory is basically the neoclassical endogenous growth theory. - Retype all the equations using the equation editor. E.g. equation 3.4 not captured well. - Page 15, last sentence "In this case, causality is established using an error correction model associated with the long run estimates as described below:" revise, statement incorrect. - Causality mentioned but neither modelled nor tested. May consider Toda and Yamamoto (1995) and Dolado and Lutkepohl (1996) test (TYDL) test for causality. - Ordinarily ECM coefficient to be between zero and one, review model specification.	- This comment was borne out of subjectivity. The endogenous growth theory/new growth theory was utilized as a theory underpinning this study. Some of the weaknesses of the neoclassical theory was pointed out to justify employing the endogenous growth theory. In this context, it is not a must that I consider the division of the theory because the theory has its general weaknesses. It was not stated in this article and no confusion resulted from it. No matter the relevance of the divisions, they can only appear as subsets of the neoclassical theory itself. - All the equations were typed using the equation editor. - Causality has been replaced with correlation. - Since causality was not tested in the study, causality runs from export diversification to growth was discarded from the second to the last sentence of paragraph 2, page 25 and replaced with a new sentence. - The ECM parameter is expected to show a negative sign and the ECM coefficient of -1.8038 satisfied that. I'm just hearing it for the first time and from you that the value should be between zero and one. Based on my knowledge of ECM, the parameter is in order and reviewing model specification may not be necessary because the model was correctly specified.
Minor REVISION comments		
Optional/General comments	Both theoretical and empirical literature review well covered.	