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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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There are still some typos such as "per cent". Please check. 2. There are still some incorrect in-text citations such as (De Melo <u>and</u> al, 2014) and (Arellano <u>and</u> Bover 1995, Blundell <u>and</u> Bond 1998). Should they be (De Melo <u>et</u> al, 2014) and (Arellano & Bover, 1995; Blundell & Bond, 1998) instead. Please check. 3. Please check the paragraph explaining equation (1). Some symbols in the text may be incorrect. 4. Please add the list of 11 countries in section 3 for clarification. 5. To make it clear, in section 3, should "points" be "percentage points"? Also, to make it consistent with other parts, should "%" be "percent" instead? 6. In section 3, there is "isn't" which is informal. Please amend. 7. In figure 2, the legends are not yet in English. Please amend. 8. In the paragraph explaining equation (2), should "Y represents the per capita GDP" be changed to "Yi represents the per capita GDP of country I" to make it clear? Also, "Government" should not be capitalized. 9. At the beginning the author(s) stated that $0 < \beta < 1$ means convergence. Then, the author(s) later stated β need to be negative. And eventually, when the author(s) obtained β of 0.8-0.9, the author(s) concluded that countries do not converge. This may confuse readers a lot. Please check and amend. 10. The references in the reference section are not correctly formatted. Please amend. 	
Minor REVISION comments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General readers may not be familiar with some word such as "dotation". The author(s) should consider changing this to commonly used words such as "endowment" instead. 	
Optional/General comments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The author(s) may list the 11 countries in the abstract for clarification. 	

PART 2:

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