

## Review Form 1.7

Journal Name:	<b>Journal of Economics, Management and Trade</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_JEMT_105322</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>The Influence of Regional Financial Independence and Government Spending on Economic Growth and Poverty</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Original Research Article</b>

### 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)
<p><b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments</p> <p>1. <b>Is the manuscript important for scientific community?</b> (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. <b>Is the title of the article suitable?</b> (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. <b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</b></p> <p>4. <b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></p> <p>5. <b>Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</b></p> <p>6. <b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</b></p> <p><b>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</b></p>	<p>The subject matter of inquiry by the manuscript is quite relevant for the scientific community. However, the title appears to be over crowded with four variables. The author would try focusing on may be one independent vs one dependent variable. The abstract leaves the question of so what unanswered. By simply stating results of the first model and second model is not enough to conclude the influence aspect being investigated in the study. So the author should be very clear in the abstract by stating that based on the results of the study, it shows that if there is more independence at the regional level and increased government expenditure, then attainment of economic growth and poverty reduction in the regions could be realized.</p> <p>The structures and subsections are appropriate but some lack the necessary data. For instance, the literature section lacks theoretical and empirical literature. The methodology and findings sections need clarity on some aspects.</p> <p>The scientific correctness of the manuscript is quite weak based on the issues I found in some of the sections of the paper. These need to be addressed to enhance the paper's scientific correctness.</p> <p>The author should make sure that all references are well captured in the reference section. Again, due to limited literature review, the paper has insufficient references.</p> <p>Apart from the above comments, I noticed that since the study relied on secondary data, it was going to be obvious with the end results of the study. I.e. The more the government has investment, the higher the influence on poverty and economic growth. Similarly, the more independence is given to regional governments to collect and use their resources, the more influence on poverty and economic growth. I believe that if the study had had some sort of primary data, then the outcome would have been different and not that straight forward.</p>	
<p><b>Minor</b> REVISION comments</p> <p>1. <b>Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></p>	Yes, with a few grammatical issues to address	
<b>Optional/General</b> comments	Paper needs some issues to address before publication	

### PART 2:

	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)
<b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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