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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)
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</p> <p>4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p> <p>5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</p> <p>6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</p> <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<p>Yes the manuscript is of great interest as it shows how democracy and corruption affect growth in the context of a developing country.</p> <p>Yes, the title is suitable</p> <p>Yes the abstract is informative and detailed</p> <p>Yes the paper is properly constructed and the various sections are properly ordered</p> <p>Yes I think the manuscript is scientifically correct</p> <p>The references could be expanded as the current literature review neglects some of the key contributions to this debate. On the growth and democracy nexus the author may wish to discuss some seminal contributions by Barro and also by Przeworski, Alvarez, Limongi and Cheibub –which consistently indicated that democracy,, upon controlling for the a wide of variables that make democracy democratic, had no or negative impact on growth. Similarly, more attention should be paid to contributions on the corruption-democracy or corruption-good governance nexus, starting with the seminal works of Mauro (1995), Kaufmann, Kraay and Zoido Lobaton (1999) to the more recent studies that have enriched this literature. Some justification is also needed as to why the focus of the paper is Kenya.</p>	
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