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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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript) 2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title) 3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? 4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate? 5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct? 6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form. <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<p>The article "Shifting Roles of Media in Tanzania: From Development Communication to Watchdog Journalism" provides a comprehensive analysis of the evolving role of media in Tanzania over the years. The article examines the transformation from a primarily development-focused communication platform to a more critical and investigative watchdog journalism approach.</p> <p>One strength of the article is its ability to present a clear and well-supported argument. The authors effectively chart the historical progression of media in Tanzania, highlighting the government's control in the early years and the subsequent shift towards independent media. The inclusion of statistical data and examples helps to substantiate the claims made.</p> <p>Furthermore, the article skillfully highlights the challenges faced by the media sector in Tanzania. It sheds light on the restrictions and barriers that journalists must navigate, including censorship, intimidation, and legal restrictions. This provides valuable context and insights into the practical limitations that media outlets face in their pursuit of watchdog journalism.</p> <p>The article also recognizes the positive changes that have occurred in recent years, allowing for a more critical and investigatory form of journalism. The authors discuss how advancements in technology and increased access to information have empowered journalists and facilitated greater public scrutiny of the government. This optimism and recognition of progress provide a balanced perspective on the evolving role of media in Tanzania.</p> <p>However, while the article provides a comprehensive overview of the shifting roles of media in Tanzania, it would have been more effective if it had explored the impact of these changes on society. The authors briefly mention increased public scrutiny, but a more in-depth analysis of how watchdog journalism has influenced governance, public accountability, and social change in Tanzania would have been insightful.</p>	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? 	<p>Good, Additionally, the article could have delved further into the challenges facing journalists and media organizations in effectively implementing watchdog journalism. It would have been beneficial to assess the level of independence and professionalism within the media sector and explore how these factors might affect the quality and effectiveness of watchdog journalism.</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>Overall, "Shifting Roles of Media in Tanzania: From Development Communication to Watchdog Journalism" provides a valuable analysis of the changing media landscape in Tanzania. While it effectively explores the historical context, challenges, and advancements in the industry, further examination of the societal impact and challenges faced by journalists would enhance its overall value.</p>	

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

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