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Journal Name:	<b>Journal of Economics, Management and Trade</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_JEMT_121084</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>Trade openness and digital technologies in African and non-African countries</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Descriptive Study</b>

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<p><b>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b></p>	<p>Digital technology in today's world is most essential for the success of Economy and individual wellbeing. Digitalization boosts trade policy, ease of doing business, facilitate easy payment, increase revenue and facilitate international trade. In this background studying trade openness place important topic of research.</p>	
<p><b>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</b></p>	<p>Yes.</p>	
<p><b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</b></p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> paragraph introduction can be added.</p>	
<p><b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p><b>Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b></p>	<p>Trade openness is an independent variable and technology being dependent variables, the study analyses the relationship in comparison to non-African countries. The study analysed the digital inclusion coupled with trade/business. Data analysis using OLS to analyse the sub index, baseline variables and dealing with endogeneity are key for the study</p>	
<p><b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</b> -</p>	<p>Author can use latest article 2023 and 2024</p>	
<p><b>Minor</b> REVISION comments  <b>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></p>	<p>Author can add introduction to Trade openness in introduction session. Author can update Fig 1 with latest data- as the existing data available till 2020 Author can update methodology with proper explanation of various variables used in data analysis, explanation of OLS, endogeneity and data analysis plan Author can update Fig 3, 4 and 5 with latest data- as the existing data available till 2020 Author can update latest review of literature to make it study current</p>	
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