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REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Public Expenditure Trends in Iraq During the period 2010-2020 (Analytical Study)

Recommendation:

- Accept as it is.....**YES**.....
- Accept after minor revision.....
- Accept after major revision
- Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		√		
Techn. Quality		√		
Clarity		√		
Significance		√		

Reviewer's Name: Mr Bilal Mir

Reviewer's Decision about Paper: **Recommended for Publication.**

Comments (*Use additional pages, if required*)

Reviewer's Comment / Report

Abstract:

The abstract clearly presents the study's objective to analyze public expenditure trends in Iraq over a decade using a descriptive analytical approach. It effectively summarizes key findings, particularly the imbalance favoring current expenditures over investment expenditures and the negative consequences for economic development and stability. The recommendations to address spending imbalances, rationalize public expenditure, and diversify income sources are succinctly stated. The keywords accurately reflect the main themes of the study.

Introduction:

The introduction provides a solid foundation for the study by emphasizing the critical role of public expenditures in economic growth, especially when allocated to productive investment sectors. It outlines the adverse effects of prioritizing operational (current) expenditures, such as budget deficits and economic stagnation. The rationale behind the study is clearly articulated, focusing on examining the nature and trends of public expenditure development, the role and effectiveness of spending policies in Iraq. The outlined structure of the study, dividing it into methodology, theoretical framework, data analysis, and conclusions, offers clarity on the research approach.

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Content and Structure:

The manuscript appears well-organized, with a clear methodological approach and a comprehensive theoretical background, followed by a detailed analysis of expenditure patterns and their relationship with economic indicators like public revenue and GDP. The focus on the period 2010-2020 offers a relevant and contemporary perspective on Iraq's fiscal policy.

Clarity and Relevance:

The language is clear and formal, appropriate for an analytical economic study. The study addresses a vital aspect of public finance that has direct implications for Iraq's economic development and policy-making. By highlighting the imbalance in expenditure structure and its implications, the study provides valuable insights for economists, policymakers, and stakeholders involved in Iraq's fiscal management.

Overall Evaluation:

This study presents a coherent and focused analysis of public expenditure trends in Iraq, with a well-defined problem statement and structured approach. The findings and recommendations are significant for guiding fiscal policy towards enhancing economic growth and stability. The introduction and abstract provide a clear preview of the study's aims and outcomes, supporting its relevance in the context of Iraq's economic challenges during the examined period.