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PART 1:

Journal Name:	British Journal of Economics, Management & Trade
Manuscript Number:	MS: 2012/BJEMT/2462
Title of the Manuscript:	Does Fiscal Decentralization Nexus with Life Expectancy? Evidence from Pakistan.

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PART 2: 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)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	General: Important issue. Fiscal decentralisation or fiscal federalism becomes an important policy tool in health systems. This policy is based on the idea that local government are responsible and responsible to population needs. Under decentralisation, local accountability should be encouraged. In this way, efficiency and equity of health systems is improved, and it should turn in a better health outcomes. Despite of the aim of the paper was clear, it was analysed a very large period of time and the method was appropriate, it was not explained the relationship between fiscal decentralisation and Life expectancy (LE). Why was it expected a causal relationship between those variables. The aim of the study was not contextualised and why the problem was relevant to study in Pakistan. Abstract: Line 19. "These" refers to ? Introduction: A very short literature review was carried out. How fiscal decentralisation can affect LE? Which mechanisms affect this relationship? How has decentralisation been carried out in Pakistan? Some figures of LE during 1990-2012 could help to understand what means fiscal decentralisation in Pakistan. Decentralisation process could involve political, fiscal, administrative responsibilities, what is the case of Pakistan?	I agree with reviewer comments. I explain the concept of fiscal decentralization . There is positive relationship between fiscal decentralization and life expectancy. As well as more expenditure would be done in health sector, there are better results gained. Actually, in Pakistan, there is a little bit amounts spent on health, if government spend more on `health, a productive and fruitful nation will produce. Literature review is expanded to some extent. Fiscal decentralization affect life expectancy positively. Decentralisation process involve fiscal.



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	What means fiscal decentralisation in your study? Line 32 I suggest “efficiency” instead of proficiency. Line 33 what means “minute pragmatic”. Line 34 I suggest “effect” instead of impact because the analysis did include a contracfactual. Model: How the author define his variables? Could the author be a bit more specified? Line 88 why means “Government of Pakistan spend very low amount of GDP” ? Some figures about the variables should help to understand the Pakistan context. What is the expected effect of the explicative variables on LE? Results and Discussion Line108 what means “detect the findings” I suppose that it is “carry out the analysis”. But I am not sure what the author means. There is missing a table of statistic descriptive. It could help to understand why the independent variables have not significant effect on LE. In table 2, are variables in log? It makes a difference when you read your results. Conclusions: The author did not discuss the results. Line 150 “in some specific regions” What this means? This conclusion comes from? Line 151 Policy implications are related to health sector, why?	
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Minor REVISION comments	Edition of the articles are very important. Please revise the title of sections and tables style. Variables should be named in the way. Please also revise the references. It should be Cantarero.	I revised the title of sections and tables and revise the references also as per directions.
Optional/General comments	This paper could contribute to increasing empirical literature of fiscal decentralisation and health outcomes, but It need to be worked.	

Line no	Mistake	corrections	
32	Proficiency	efficiency	
33	Minute pragmatic	Small empirical	
88	Why government spend low amount of GDP	Government of Pakistan spend a little bit amount of GDP, this is because government of Pakistan does not give preference in this sector.	
	What is effect of expletive variables on LE In Table.2 are variables in log? Line 108 what means detect findings Line 150 specific regions means Line 151 Why policy implications are related to health sector	It should be positive In table 2, yes variables are in log this is so because, it create smoothness in analysis. Detect findings means results of analysis From where we have taken data Policy implications are related to health sector, this is so because, if government spend more money in health sector, the health of human being would be better, so level of economy will be improved	