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Type of the Article	<b>RESEARCH</b>

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> (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)
<b><u>Compulsory</u></b> REVISION comments	<p>I think that the idea of the paper is valuable. However, there is something that does not fully convince me. First of all, I found the paper a little bit confused in its development. The research questions are too wide, and make the paper too demanding. This cause problems of <b>internal coherence</b>. I would just focus on the first three questions rewriting them a bit.</p> <p>A good literature review has been done, however I suggest to contextualize this work in the light of New Public Management reform.</p> <p><b>I do not find the regime analysis relevant for the aims of the paper.</b> Also, it is based on strong hypothesis that are not made explicit, therefore the conclusion drawn by the author cannot be considered acceptable. I suggest to delete this paragraph and focus on the qualitative analysis only.</p> <p>The <b>research methodology</b> mentions interviews and questionnaires. However it is not clear how these contributes to the data collection. Are these interviews structured, unstructured or semi-structured? If there is a structured component I would appreciate to have it attached in the appendix. Same reasoning for the questionnaires: which kind of questions or items where these displaying? What was the answering rate? I think the author should spend more time on explaining the methodology.</p> <p>For what concerns the theoretical framework, as I already pointed out, there should be a link to the <b>NPM</b> reform implementation in Ghana.</p>	



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<b><u>Minor</u></b> REVISION comments	I noticed some English mistakes. I suggest extensive proofreading. Table 1 should display the year.	
<b><u>Optional/General</u></b> comments		

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