

Review of: "Financial Autonomy: Panacea for Improved Service Delivery in Imo State Local Government System"

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The study is relevant, and focus was given to salient issues surrounding the topic. However, the author should take note of the following:

Inappropriate in-text citations. Only the surname and year should be used in in-text citation. The introduction should “introduce” the topic being researched, emphasizing the problem to be addressed and the relevance of the research. The discussion of the Efficiency Service Delivery Theory should be discussed under the Theoretical Review.

Stylised facts on local government financing should also be discussed. This will further buttress the issue being researched.

The literature review should be better structured to include: conceptual review (optional), theoretical and robust empirical review.

The methodology needs to be justified. The data generation and estimation technique should be justified.

The data from the audited LG accounts should be updated to show the relevance of the topic.

The reporting of the interview result should be adjusted, in line with an appropriate qualitative analysis technique.

The discussion of result should also be done in comparison to previous results.

The conclusion stems from the findings of the study.

An overall editing of the study is advised.

References in end-note should conform with the chosen referencing style.