

Review of: "Auditing public schools' financial records: A study of financial management from the eyes of relevant stakeholders"

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Overall the paper is well written especially the findings section. Main core of the topic is also good. However, there are a few places that need correction in order to make the paper more strong.

1. In introduction, 1st paragraph, 5th line. The word SGB is used first there without the full form. If short forms need to be used, it has to give a full form first followed by the short form in bracket and thereafter, short forms can be used. So that the reader can understand clearly what SGB means.
2. In introduction, 3rd paragraph, 12th line. Comment no1 applies here for the word MEC.
3. In introduction, 3rd paragraph, 2nd line. The reference of Moyo and Mankwe (2017) is not shown in reference section.
4. In literature review, 11th line, Its written as "Rangongo et al., 2916:1)". Open bracket is missing and instead of 2010, its written as 2916.
5. In literature review, 11th line and all other subsequent places. The reference of Mestry (2018) is not shown in reference section.
6. In methodology, 1st paragraph, 13th line. Indicated "convenience sampling method was used to select three secondary schools" but in abstract, it is indicated as "purposefully selected secondary schools " which means purposive sampling. This actually makes a contradiction. Authors need to be consistent and should clearly indicate what type of sampling technique they have used and indicate the correct one in both places.
7. In methodology, 1st paragraph, 14th line. (Neuman, 2014). In reference section its shown as (Neuman, 2000). The year shown is different.
8. In findings, 3rd line. Repetition of research questions can be avoided. If it is a thesis or dissertation, it is fine to add the research questions in this section. However, for a journal article, it has to be short and repetitions should be avoided.