

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

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QEIOS REVIEW REPORT ON THE ARTICLE TITLED FINANCIAL AUTONOMY: PANACEA FOR IMPROVED SERVICE DELIVERY IN IMO STATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SYSTEM

1. English language and style

- Extensive editing of the English language and style required
- Moderate English changes required
- English language and style are fine/minor spell check required
- I don't feel qualified to judge the English language and style

	Yes	Can be improved	Must be improved	Not applicable
Does the Abstract adequately summarize the study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the introduction provide sufficient background and include all relevant references?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all the cited references relevant to the research?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the research design appropriate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the methods adequately described?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the results clearly presented?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the conclusions supported by the results?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments and Suggestions for Authors

1. Abstract

The abstract needs to be improved as it contains many redundancies. The abstract should embody the Purpose/research motivation, methodology/approach, Results/findings, Research limitations, Practical implications, and Originality /value.

1. Introduction/Literature review

- Are A.E.C. Ogunna and W.J.M. Mackenzie citations? If yes, they should be appropriately done/.

- Under the local government revenue sources, more information should be provided to include the extent of revenue generated in the different years under review.
- The researcher should have mentioned sections of the local government financial regulations upon which controls are based.
- What are the gaps upon which the conduct of this study was based?
- The researcher's literature review was scanty. More articles should have been reviewed.

1. Methodology

- I expected clear-cut materials and methods upon which the study was based,
- No research designs
- No proper population. What is the number of local governments in Imo State, and selected based on what criteria?
- How and where were the data collected?
- What were the analysis techniques?
- Why were three years (2012, 2013, and 2014) and three LGAs chosen for the test? This implies a few observations, which may lead to poor results.
- Discussion: the findings were almost empty. The reason may be due to a lack of proper result generation.

1. Result

- There is no proper result

1. Conclusion

- The conclusion was porous due to the absence of results
- No contribution
- No recommendation
- There are no limitations and directions for further study.

1. Reference

The study reference shows style inconsistency and should be reworked.

In general, the paper presents an interesting research topic whose novelty is mainly based on the researcher's idea. Subordinate goals were missing. Furthermore, the research work did not fully address the title of the paper.

The introduction needed to be more focused, and the literature review should be more systemic (showing appropriate conceptualization, theoretical and empirical review). The methodology needed to be included, and the result was empty. There was no proper conclusion, and the reference needed to be more consistent.

Recommendation

This paper needs to be extensively reworked. Therefore, it can be accepted but with major revision.



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