

Editor's Comment:

I have some comments as follows,

Some changes are needed to provide further evidence and clarify some unclear points. The manuscript needs still to be further considered and revised according to comments of the reviewers.

- 1) There are many researches on this relationship. Some works in such a field are not cited, but their work could be useful to the theoretical explanation of the research question. Besides lots of literature listed in the manuscript, please explain more why this type of analysis is most appropriate. What will be known because of this research and why is this important?
- 2) Providing the authors' motivation for the research and hypothesis of what you expect to find would help the readers better understand the results and impact. I think, a hypothesis based approach using the current background on previous theory and literature would help focus the message of the paper.
- 3) Please give a stronger and neater message in the end of your estimates. In fact, implication of the empirical analysis are not so clear. How the paper contributes to theory and fills a gap in research needs further explanation. What do the results provide for industry/government? What additional research questions are there? How does this research open new questions or fill current gaps in knowledge?
- 4) Besides, the manuscript should be edited for language.

Author's Feedback

Comment 1

More empirical reviews of existing literatures of the marginal field in Nigeria have been reviewed and incorporated into this research. This gave a broader knowledge and drove a motivation for this study and led to the research questions. (Page 8-9)

Comment 2

The motivation for this study and reasons why this research is necessary was presented and the hypothesis based approach was incorporated to create a better focus and understanding for the reader. (Pages 2&3)

Comment 3

- Better results and analysis for each methodology was presented
- Research questions are presented on page 2
- The results of the study are useful for as policy recommendation to the government and the industry. This is presented on page 16.
- A conclusion was drawn from the findings of this research so as to clearly provide what this study has contributed and how it has filled the gap presented in this study (page 17)

Comment 4

Language has been improved in the manuscript

All comments were considered and have been reviewed. This has aided a clearer message and provided more understanding to any reader. A motivation of study, hypothesis analysis approach was also incorporated. A neater message was also given at the end of every methodology. Research questions emerged from the gap of reviewed literatures. Finally the study was edited for language.