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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (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)
Compulsory REVISION comments	In line 137, the letter N in "NEFT" does not stand for 'National' as indicated by the author. 'N' stands for Nigeria Interbank Settlement System (NIBSS). The researcher should take note of this and correct appropriately. NEFT is an initiative of Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) that was introduced in the year 2004 to facilitate funds transfer between banks. The word 'goal' in line 6 under abstract should be changed to 'objective' Explainable and explained variables should be replaced with independent and dependent variables. The study's period 2009- 2014 is not well justified. Data for the financial innovation variables are available as from 2005, so unavailability of data can not be used as justification for 2009. See CBN annual reports for 2006, 2007 and 2011. R^2 is used to determine the extent to which the independent variables explained the dependent variable. F-statistic is a test of overall significance and in this research; f-statistics is significant, meaning that financial technological innovations jointly explained the variation in growth. It is wrong to say "financial technological innovations	There is no ambiguity here as NEFT was clearly explained as National Electronic Transfer which came into operation in November 2005. It is a facility that enable bank customers transfer money with ease and securely, too. While NIBBS is purely an interbank electronic facility mainly for transfers between banks and card operators. So NIBBS is not accessed/used by customers. We dim goal appropriate for our purpose under the abstract. Effected. The choice of Quarterly data from 2009 as explained is based on data availability. Comprehensive and complete documentation of data on the channels in question by the Central bank of Nigeria commenced in 2009 (see CBN statistical bulletin, 2014). The interpretation here is specifically based on the respective coefficient values, t-statistic and p values of the relevant regressors. The overall regression may be significant but will not particularly explain the direction as well as magnitude of our variable of interest.



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	do not jointly have positive effect on growth”. It is t-values that tell whether there is positive effect or negative effect.	
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	After the stationary test (Augmented Dickey-Fuller Unit root test), it would be logical to carry out causality test to determine whether there is cause and effect relationship between the study's variables.	WE ignored running causality test since this study is purely an impact study. Such result will not have any bearing on our specific goal.
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	The word financial innovation should have read electronic payment channels or electronic banking products. Financial innovation is general and without reading the manuscript, one wouldn't have known what the author is referring to electronic payment channels. There are other forms of financial innovation and electronic payment channel is only one of them. The author did not review any literature from Nigeria the country of study. This is probably because the researcher used “financial innovation” instead of electronic payment channels or electronic banking as used by many researchers in Nigeria.	Granted. Financial innovation is a box word that contains other channels like new financial instruments and technological innovations. We therefore focused on financial technological innovation which we elaborately explained as core electronic channels for financial transfers. Noted. But, as pointed out in the work, this is largely due to paucity of literature since most of such studies on Nigeria applied primary data which we cannot rely on in expressing collective views.