

**REVIEWER'S REPORT**

Manuscript No.:IJAR-55272

Title: Trade Liberalisation the tool to Promoting Sustainable Economic Growth A case study of Nigeria (1993 – 2023)

Recommendation:

Accept as it is YES

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*).....

| Rating | Excel. | Good | Fair | Poor |
|----------------|--------|------|------|------|
| Originality | YES | | | |
| Techn. Quality | YES | | | |
| Clarity | YES | | | |
| Significance | YES | | | |

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Detailed Reviewer's Report

The manuscript titled “Trade Liberalisation as a Tool for Promoting Sustainable Economic Growth: A Case Study of Nigeria (1993–2023)” presents a comprehensive, methodologically sound, and policy-relevant empirical analysis of the long-run and short-run relationships between trade openness and sustainable economic growth in Nigeria, employing appropriate time-series econometric techniques such as ADF unit root tests, Johansen cointegration analysis, and a Vector Error Correction Model (VECM). The study demonstrates strong methodological rigor, a well-developed literature foundation, and an effective integration of macroeconomic, structural, and sustainability-related indicators beyond conventional GDP measures. The empirical findings clearly establish a stable long-run equilibrium relationship among economic growth, trade variables, FDI, capital formation, employment, and infrastructure, while the discussion offers meaningful insights into the conditional benefits of trade liberalisation in the context of institutional and structural constraints. The manuscript is well organized, analytically robust, clearly written, and makes a valuable contribution to the literature on trade policy and sustainable development in emerging and resource-dependent economies. Overall, the study meets international academic standards in terms of originality, analytical depth, methodological clarity, and policy relevance and is therefore recommended for acceptance without revision.