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| <p><b><u>Minor</u></b> REVISION comments</p>   | <p>Some sentences can be made more precise by providing additional information, on the time and geographical dimension; the authors should not assume that the reader is familiar with the history of Nigeria.</p> <p>For example, i.what are the dates of First Republic (p.10)? civil war (p.11) ? ii.p.9: the regional references can be better understood if a map is provided</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>CORRECTIONS EFFECTED</p>                        |
| <p><b><u>Optional/General</u></b> comments</p> | <p>The paper needs to be restructured to be sharpened along the lines of the suggestions above.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The argument of industrialization seems to be taken into account as if in a vacuum.<br/>As the authors talk about cultural diversity and regional comparative advantages within Nigeria, they should also be taking into account the implications of openness for the international competitiveness of Nigeria. In a globalized world, industrialization-based economic development cannot be taken only as an alternative to DFI but rather as complementary to it.</li> <li>2. As the authors mention towards the end (p.13) the focus should be on the</li> </ol> | <p>CORRECTIONS EFFECTED IN TANDEM WITH COMMENT</p> |



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|  | <p>transfer rules to redistribute the oil revenues. The authors argue that fiscal federalism has been practiced “in its truest sense”; but we observe that central transfers meet at least half of the local spending needs even in developed countries; add to that the inability of regions, except for oil-mines, to raise own revenues. This indeed leads to the other problem of fiscal federalism in the absence of a sensible redistributive mechanism, and that is the tendency for high-value added production regions (oil in the case of Nigeria) to get richer and the rest getting poorer, as stated at the end of p.11.</p> <p>3. As part of this, a fair design of central redistribution mechanism of the oil revenues needs to accompany fiscal federalism also in order to avoid “immiserizing growth” (Amartya Sen) and the Dutch disease mentioned on p.13.</p> <p>The problem of fair redistribution is indeed at the heart of the problem of industrialization in Nigeria in the presence of high cultural diversity. Hence a political economy approach to design a good redistributive mechanism seems essential for achieving economic development via</p> |  |
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