Supervision and Survival of Banks: Evidence from the Nigerian Banking Industry

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Abstract

The paper establishes a relationship between supervisionand survivability of banks. The study employs EVIEW statistical software using the two stage least square method to evaluate a set of factors which affect bank survivability. Data for the study were extracted from the Central Bank of Nigeria's (CBN) statistical bulletin and bureau of statistics publications (1981 – 2013). The results confirm positive significant relationship amongcapital protection, earnings strength and bank liquidity while cash reserve ratio and bank strength had negative impact on bank liquidity. These variables were found to be inelastic due to time lag banks may take to adjust to supervision patterns, reforms and finding alternatives. A short time frame given by the supervisory authority to implement a new regulation by banks resulted to inelastic bank liquidity. The strength-supervision model showed positive significant relationship among bank liquidity, asset quality and bank strength. The supervisory authority as a watch dog cannot be an umpire and a player,but rather would prefer giving a fitting burial to banks that have failedrather than jeopardize the whole system. It is therefore worthwhile to devote considerable resources to the establishment of effective supervision and inspection.

Keywords: Bank supervision, Bank liquidity, Bank strength, cash reserve ratio, earnings strength.

1. Introduction

One principal objective of the Central Bank is to promote monetary stability and soundness in the financial system. To achieve this, monetary authority must improve the regulatory processes and pursue policies and standards that would enhance the safety, soundness and efficiency of the financial system.

Supervision entails not only the enforcement of rules and regulations, but also some judgment regarding the quality of financial institutions assets (bank strength). Instability in the banking sector could lead to bank failures, loss of public confidence, as well as adverse macroeconomic environment with negative impact on real income, employment and output (Keeley:1990) The major source of bank funding is deposits. Hence depositors need protection, primarily because they do not have the means to determine the extent of risks taken by banks in the use of their money. The supervisory and regulatory framework must therefore ensure that banks operate within prescribed prudential limits and standards in a safe manner and uphold high standards of professional conduct that would sustain continuing confidence in the banking system (Estrella:1998)

The banking industry has become very dynamic. This more competitive and dynamic environment may not be compatible with traditional regulatory structures. The key question is how to adapt the supervisory framework to the increasing competitive environment of banking. In a less orthodox terminology: how do we regulate and supervise a moving target?

One of the operational requirements of supervision and inspection is the analysis of bank survivability (bank strength and bank liquidity).

Against this backdrop the paper represents among others an effort to establish the relationship between bank survivability and central banks pattern of supervision in order to provide a framework for improvement in the process.

2. Synopsis of related and empirical literature

The overriding objective of CBN's financial sector surveillance function is to promote stability and soundness that would engender public confidence in the system (CBN Brief: 2008-2009 editions). Pointedly, Imala (2004) explicates that a poorly regulated financial sector or one with insufficient capital for the risks it takes, can increase a country's vulnerability to financial crisis.

Glenn Tasky (2008) noted that bank supervision aims at a single comprehensive informed opinion about the condition and performance of a bank and taking appropriate actions. Oni (2004) perceived bank supervision purpose as ascertaining that affairs of banks are conducted in a safe and sound manner with respect to:Adequacy of capital, Asset quality, Board of management, Earnings, Liquidity, Adequacy of internal control, Adequacy of accounting system and record keeping, Compliance with both individual bank's internal policies and prudential regulations.

Bank examination focuses on six components of bank safety and soundness known as CAMELS. C-capital protection, A- Asset quality, M-management competence, E-earnings strength, L-liquidity risk exposure S-

| Type of institution | Legal framework | Licensed by | Supervised by | Examined by | Insured by |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|------------|
| Bank | CBN act 1991Bofia | CBN | CBN and NDIC | CBN and NDIC | NDIC |
| | act 1998 CAMA | | | | |
| | 1990 | | | | |
| Other non-bank | CBN act 1991 and | CBN | CBN | CBN | |
| financial | Bofia act 1991 | | | | |
| institution | | | | | |
| Capital market | SEC act 1979 | SEC | SEC | SEC | |
| operators | CAMA 1990 | | | | |
| Insurance | CAMA 1990 | NAICOM | NAICOM | NAICOM | |
| companies | And Insurance act | | | | |
| | 1992 | | | | |

Table 1: Current regulatory and supervisory framework for Nigeria's financial institutions

Sensitivity to market risk.Rationale for supervising and regulating the financial system concerns stability, meaning the ability of financial markets and institutions or intermediaries to provide the time key services-risk sharing, liquidity and information in face of economic disturbances. Second, most financial assets are held by banks. Lastly, government can advance economic policy by interacting with the financial sector. Actions of the central bank for example affect the banking system and promote monetary policy.

Bank supervision does not prevent failure, as CBN cannot play the role of an umpire and a player. Survival is the responsibility of the board and management of a bank (Frederick: 2000).

2.1The pattern of bank supervision

Schematically, Charles (2004) explicates the current regulatory and supervisory framework for Nigerian financial institutions with information on table 1. The supervisory function is played by Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) and Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) complementing. NDIC acts as a financial safety net in the regulation of the banking system.

Bank supervision has two broad divisions namely onsite and offsite (see table 2). CBN Banking supervision department carry out onsite supervision. This involves essentially the appraisal of banks return. Offsite surveillance serves as "early warning device" accomplished by analyzing key bank financial ratios and other financial data generated from periodic financial reports submitted to the supervisors. EFASS is the module through which banks send rendition reports to CBN (50 years of central banking 2009:33). The returns look at interest rate, spread, margins, capital adequacy, and liquidity ratio.

| Table 2: Pattern of Bank supervision | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
| Bank supervisio | 'n | | | |
| Onsite | Offsite | | | |
| Maiden | EFASS | | | |
| Routine | Returns | | | |
| Corporate governance | Spread | | | |
| issues | Capital | | | |
| Ethics | adequacy | | | |
| Capital adequacy issues | Liquidity ratio | | | |
| Liquidityrequirements | Interest rate | | | |
| Credit policies insider | | | | |
| o Performing | | | | |
| o Doubtful | | | | |
| o <i>Lost</i> | | | | |
| o Credit to watch | | | | |
| single obligor limits 🌣 | | | | |
| ownership | | | | |
| Target/special check | | | | |
| Spot check | | | | |

Onsite supervision entails physical visits to banks for on the-spot review of bank records by CBN bank examination department. Onsite examination includes maiden examination, routine examination, target/special examination, investigation/spot checks aimed at determining risk exposure, with emphasis on capital, asset quality, strength of earnings and adequacy of liquidity. Routine checks are based on the returns received from banks. Routine examination examines corporate governance issues, ethics, capital adequacy issues, liquidity requirement, credit policies/insider credit, and single obligor limits.

Bank supervision is team based. Unlike the former ad hoc team arrangement to visit banks, the new arrangement is permanent team designated to particular banks. In aggregate there are eight teams. The essence is for each team to study, know specifics, and have in-depth knowledge of banks assigned to them. This forestalls haphazard supervision, leading to continuity in examination in order to be in the best average position to suggest problem solving options.

General theories of government regulation provide a spontaneous framework for assessing bank supervision. The first theory, the "supervisory power view" postulates that strong official supervision of banks can improve their corporate governance. This theory holds that private agents frequently lack the incentive and capabilities to monitor powerful banks. It assumes that government has both the expertise and incentives to ameliorate market imperfections and improve the governance of banks. When information costs, transaction costs, and government

policies interfere with the incentives and abilities of private agents to monitor banks, strong official supervision of banks can improve the corporate governance of banks (Stigler, 1971).

An alternate theory, the "political/regulatory capture view", argues that politicians and supervisors do not maximize social welfare; they instead maximize their own private welfare (Hamilton, et al., 1788; Buchanan and Tullock, 1962; Shleifer and Vishny, 1998). Thus if bank supervisory agents have the power to discipline non-compliant banks, then politicians and supervisors may use this power to divert the flow of credit to politically connected firms (Becker and Stigler, 1974; Stigler, 1975; Haber et al., 2003). Under these conditions, banks do not only allocate capital based on risk-return criteria.

Finally, the "private empowerment view" argues that bank supervisory policies should focus on enhancing the ability and incentives of private agents to overcome information and transaction costs, so that private investors can exert effective governance over banks. Consequently, the private empowerment view seeks to provide supervisors with the responsibility and authority to induce banks to disclose accurate information to the public, so that private agents can monitor banks more effectively (Hay and Shleifer, 1998). Thus, the private empowerment view holds that corruption of bank officials will be less of a constraint on corporate finance in countries that foster public information disclosure and have well-functioning legal institutions than in countries that rely on powerful official supervisors.

Dissatisfaction with the old risk-based capital requirement led to a new theory emphasizing market discipline. The "market discipline view" by William et al (2001) postulates that financial market discipline preserves bank safety and soundness by helping supervisors directly penalize undue risk.

Philip and Ugochi (2003) explored the relationship between risk indicators for individual banks and the different approaches to banking supervision adopted around the world. They carried out empirical investigations in a panel data framework and found wide-ranging effects of design features of banking supervision on risk taking which raise important policy issues. Thierry and thiery (1990) writing on Optimal Prudential Regulation of Banks and the Political Economy of Supervision, considered how moral hazard economy in banks and how incentives forrisk taking are affected by the quality of supervision. Their results showed that low interest rates maygenerate excessive risk taking. Because of a pecuniary externality, the market equilibriummay not be optimal and there is a need for prudential regulation.

3.Methodology

The duration consideration, along military and democratic dispensation policies differential was cushioned with the assumption that duration is considered as being continuous (Davidson and Mackinon, 2004)

The population is finite but composed of all banks operated in Nigerian banking industry. The data of study is extracted from CBN statistical bulletin and bureau of statistics publications. The sample size for analysis was done judgmentally, but encompasses times of major reforms ranging for a period of 31 years from 1981 to 2013. The data analysis techniqueis the econometric procedure applying the two stage least square (TSLS) method.

Towards achieving the research aforementioned objectives a structural model was estimated. Functionally stated as:

| $\mathbf{BL} = \mathbf{a}_0 + \mathbf{a}_1 \mathbf{ES} + \mathbf{a}_2 \mathbf{InCA} + \mathbf{a}_3 \mathbf{InCRR} + \mathbf{a}_4 \mathbf{BS} + \mathbf{u}_1 \dots \dots$ | |
|--|------------------------------------|
| $BS = b_0 + b_1 SEN + b_2 AQ + b_3 BL + u_2$ | 2 |
| Where: | |
| BL – bank liquidity risk exposure | AQ – asset quality or loan quality |
| BS – bank strength | CA – capital protection/adequacy |
| ES – earnings strength | |
| MD – market discipline | SEN – sensitivity to market risk |
| Bank liquidity risk exposure is provied by the loan denos | sit ratio |

Bank liquidity risk exposure is proxied by the loan deposit ratio.

The bank strength is proxied by the total commercial banks assets. Because it could be conjectured that when the base of banks is strong the banks would be able to meet their obligations and hence the better the possibility of survival (Egwakhe and Osabuohien: 2009). In addition Soludo (2006) Observed that the total asset of Nigeria commercial banks increased by 79.7% between 2003 and 2006 even though the number of banks drastically reduced from 90 to 25 within the same period. Thus the use of banks total asset as a measure of their strength appears better than the number of banks.

Earning strength is proxied by the ratio of banks loan to their total asset. The logarithm to base ewas added to capital protection and cash reserve ratio as they increase more slowly than bank liquidity, perhaps giving credence to Engels law.

Banks sensitivity to market risk as a measure of relative risk measurement tool is measured using the capital asset pricing model beta coefficient and risk exposure that is: $b(Km-R_f)$ Where

b = beta coefficient $K_m - R_f$ = Risk exposure $b(km-R_F) = b_1SEN$

Asset quality as a measurement of the credit risk associated with it is proxied as the lumpsum of banks claim on the central government as such loans have high quality.

The cash reserve ratio as a proxy for market discipline. Implies for commercial banks to play fair they need to stay by the rules or discipline of the market in which they exist.

The stochastic error term encompasses vagueness of theory, intrinsic randomness, and behavioral culture of individual banks and principle of parsimony.

The table array for variables needed for this analysis is presented at appendix A Table 7. The reduced form and identification of the structural equation is presented at appendix B. Sufficiently shows that equation (1) and (2) are over identified.

3.1 Unit root test

A series is stationary if it has mean reversion { $E(y_t) = \mu$ }, variance are constant over time { $Var(Y_t) = \delta^2$ } and if the covariance between two values from the series depends only on the length of time separating the two values, not on the actual times at which the variables are observed $Cov(Y_t, Y_{t+s}) = Cov(Y_t, Y_{t-s}) = Y_s$ (covariance = f (s not t). The results of the three standard tests for unit roots in the variables of the model are reported in table 3.The table shows that the variables are stationary only at first difference.

Table 3: the unit root test statistics

| | ADF test statistic | | Phillips-perron | | Kwiatkowski- phillips-schmidt-shin | |
|--|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| ·= | 1 st dit | fference | 1 st dif | ference | 1 st difference | |
| Vari ables | No intercept and no trend | With Intercept and no trend | No intercept and no trend | With Intercept and no trend | With Intercept and no trend | |
| BL | -5.485703 * | | -5.485775* | | 0.104224**** | |
| ES | -5.571479* | | -5.686520* | | 0.377844**** | |
| InCA | -4.981131* | | -4.981131* | | 0.149591**** | |
| BS | | -3.600082***** | | | | |
| InCRR | -3.202747*** | | -4.934944* | | 0.113857**** | |
| SEN | -5.793554* | | -6.051956* | | 0.153912**** | |
| AQ | | | | -5.549859* | 0.254233**** | |
| * Significant at 5% level. ADF and Phillips-perron critical value at first difference without intercept and trend = -1.952066. | | | | | | |
| ** Signif | icant at 5% level. A | DF critical value at lev | el with intercept a | nd trend $= -3.60320$ |)2. | |
| | | ADF critical value at fi | | <u> </u> | | |
| U | **** Significant at 5% level. Kwiatkowski-Phillips-Schmidt-shin at first difference with intercept and no trend = 0.463000 | | | | | |
| ***** Si | gnificant at 5% level | l. ADF at first differen | ce with intercept a | nd no trend = -2.99 | 98064 | |

3.2 Cointegration

Table 4 presents results of the Johansen cointegration tests for the liquidity-strength-supervision model. Shows that the variables are cointegrated as indicated by trace and eigenvalue statistic greater than the critical value at 5% level.

Table 4: johansen cointegration test resultFor Liquidity-supervision model

Unrestricted Cointegration Rank Test (Trace)

| Hypothesized No. of CE(s) | Eigenvalue | Trace Statistic | 0.05 Critical Value | Prob.** |
|------------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------|
| None * | 0.760686 | 99.92257 | 76.97277 | 0.0003 |
| At most 1 * | 0.561633 | 55.59320 | 54.07904 | 0.0364 |
| At most 2 | 0.483700 | 30.02755 | 35.19275 | 0.1622 |
| At most 3 | 0.188919 | 9.534469 | 20.26184 | 0.6853 |
| At most 4 | 0.093511 | 3.043475 | 9.164546 | 0.5726 |

Unrestricted Cointegration Rank Test (Maximum Eigenvalue)

| Hypothesized No. of CE(s) | Eigenvalue | Max-Eigen Statistic | 0.05 Critical Value | Prob.** | |
|------------------------------|------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------|--|
| None * | 0.760686 | 44.32937 | 34.80587 | 0.0027 | |
| At most 1 | 0.561633 | 25.56565 | 28.58808 | 0.1160 | |
| At most 2 | 0.483700 | 20.49308 | 22.29962 | 0.0876 | |
| At most 3 | 0.188919 | 6.490994 | 15.89210 | 0.7310 | |
| At most 4 | 0.093511 | 3.043475 | 9.164546 | 0.5726 | |

| No. of CE(s) | Eigenvalue | Statistic | Critical Value | Prob.** | |
|--------------|------------|-----------|----------------|---------|---|
| None * | 0.873012 | 107.6140 | 54.07904 | 0.0000 | _ |
| At most 1 * | 0.614011 | 43.64058 | 35.19275 | 0.0049 | |
| At most 2 | 0.312168 | 14.13025 | 20.26184 | 0.2805 | |
| At most 3 | 0.078363 | 2.529732 | 9.164546 | 0.6716 | |
| | | | | | |

Unrestricted Cointegration Rank Test (Maximum Eigenvalue)

| Hypothesized No. of CE(s) | Eigenvalue | Max-Eigen Statistic | 0.05 Critical Value | Prob.** |
|------------------------------|------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------|
| None * | 0.873012 | 63.97344 | 28.58808 | 0.0000 |
| At most 1 * | 0.614011 | 29.51033 | 22.29962 | 0.0041 |
| At most 2 | 0.312168 | 11.60052 | 15.89210 | 0.2104 |
| At most 3 | 0.078363 | 2.529732 | 9.164546 | 0.6716 |

3.3 Simultaneity test

 Table 5: test for simultaneity, exogeneity and endogeneity

| Variable | Coefficient | Std. Error | t-Statistic | Prob. |
|----------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------|
| V1 | -27488.31 | 46824.95 | -0.587044 | 0.5621 |
| V2 | -4.75E-07 | 8.15E-07 | -0.583209 | 0.5648 |

From the liquidity-supervision model perspective Simultaneity problem does not exist. The endogenous regressors are mutually independent. Same conclusion is reached from the strength-supervision model perspective.

3.4 Exogeneity test

The endogenous regressors in the liquidity-supervision model are truly exogenous with disturbance of the reduced form (-0.587044) being insignificant at 5%. The endogenous regressors are not correlated with the disturbances using ols estimator is not biased and inconsistent. The estimators will converge to the true values or

zero. Using IV its estimators will be consistent but not efficient (i.e. smaller variance) while OLS estimators are consistent and efficient. Same conclusion is reached from the strength-supervision model perspective.

3.5 Endogeneity test

From the liquidity-supervision model perspective the endogenous regressors are not truly endogenous at 5% as the p-value was above it by 0.5571. OLS estimators performs better here than IV estimators. Same conclusion is reached from the strength-supervision model perspective.

3.6 Weak instrument diagnostic

Using canonical correlation to test whether any relationship between the instruments and the endogenous variables is sufficiently strong for reliable econometric inferences.

Cragg-donald F= $[(N-G-B)/L]*[r_B^2/(1-r_B^2)]$

Where N denote the sample size, B the number of RHS endogenous variables, G the number of exogenous variables included in the equation (including the intercept), L the number of "external" instruments that are not included in the model, and r_B the minimum canonical correlation.

The first equation under maximum relative bias is not available for models with less than 3 instruments. While based on the maximum test size criterion at stock-yugo critical value of 10% and L=2 instumental variables. The instruments are strong as cragg-donald (225.1847) is greater than stock-yugo (19.93). The second equation under maximum relative bias size at 10% and L=3 instumental variables, The instruments are strong as cragg-donald (9.467803) is greater than stock-yugo (9.08)

3.7 Regression results and interpretation Table 6: Regression result

| 0 | [| | Standard | t- | |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------|-----------|--------|
| | Variable | Coefficient | error | Statistic | Prob. |
| Dependent Variable: | | | | | |
| BANK_LIQUIDITY | С | 3.972916 | 9.120273 | 0.435614 | 0.6666 |
| Adjusted R- | | | | | |
| squared=0.780828 | LOG(CAPITAL_PROTECTION) | 0.897467 | 0.430870 | 2.082919 | 0.0469 |
| F-statistic=28.70818 | | | | - | |
| | LOG(CASH_RESERVE_RATIO) | -6.851208 | 1.632030 | 4.197967 | 0.0003 |
| Durbin-Watson | | | | - | |
| stat=1.961306 | BANK_STRENGTH | -1.17E-06 | 1.95E-07 | 6.007131 | 0.0000 |
| | EARNINGS_STRENGTH | 224497.5 | 26301.20 | 8.535637 | 0.0000 |
| Dependent Variable: | | | | - | |
| BANK_STRENGTH | С | -7861600. | 3609289. | 2.178158 | 0.0380 |
| Adjusted R- | | | | | |
| squared=0.947293 | BANK_LIQUIDITY | 108666.6 | 48434.77 | 2.243565 | 0.0330 |
| F-statistic=188.8539 | | | | - | |
| | SENSITIVITY_TO_MARKET_RI | -136354.4 | 89087.52 | 1.530567 | 0.1371 |
| Durbin-Watson | | | | | |
| stat=2.324146 | ASSET_QUALITY | 7464.185 | 319.0401 | 23.39576 | 0.0000 |

With cointegration confirmed for the liquidity-supervision and strength-supervision models, the long run model was estimated with output extract in table 6.

Liquidity-supervision model supervision variables had expected signs and no autocorrelation between the disturbances as the Durbin-Watson tends to 2. The model is plausible as 78% variation in bank liquidity is explicated by supervision variables. Without supervision, liquidity over the period autonomously averages 3.972916per annum absolutely. Table 6 shows significant positive association between capital protection at its natural log and bank liquidity. The magnitude of the capital protection at its natural log impact on bank liquidity is large. For an increase in the ln(capital protection) of 1percent, on average leads to about 0.0089 (constant semi-elasticity)percent growth rate in bank liquidity but .00265 absolutely. Deviating by 0.0711 capital adequacy category of banks adequately capitalized (fulfilling minimum requirement) total capital to risk-weighted assets of 8%. The ln capital protection elasticity of bank liquidity is inelastic as epsilon 0.0128 is below 1. This may be due to time lag banks may take to adjust to supervision patterns and reforms and finding alternatives. A shorter time frame given by the supervisory authority to implement a new regulation by banks result to inelastic bank liquidity. Significant negative association between cash reserve ratio at its natural log and bank liquidity. The magnitude of the capital protection at its natural log impact on bank liquidity is large. For an increase in the In(capital protection) of 1percent, on average leads to about 6.8512 (constant semi-elasticity)percent anti-growth rate in bank liquidity but 1.0889 absolutely. Cash reserve ratio serve as threat or discipline to liquidity management and risk exposure. The ln cash reserve ratio elasticity of bank liquidity is inelastic as epsilon 0.0976 is below 1. This may be due to time lag banks may take to adjust to supervision patterns and reforms and finding alternatives. The shorter the time lag for adjustment then the more inelastic bank liquidity.

Significant negative association between bank strength and bank liquidity. Bank strength and liquidity may be conflicting objective requiring trade-off. For an increase in the bank strength of 1percent, on average leads to about 0.00000117decreases in bank liquidity absolutely. The bank strength elasticity of bank liquidity is inelastic as epsilon 0.071 is below 1. Bank strength impacts effectively when bank store greater proportion of strength in liquid asset. The converse argument leads to inelastic bank liquidity. Significant positive association between earnings strength and bank liquidity. The magnitude of the bank strength impact on bank liquidity is large. For an absolute increase in the bank strength of 1percent, on average leads to about 224497.8increases in bank liquidity absolutely. The earnings strength elasticity of bank liquidity is elastic as epsilon 1.1293 is above 1. This may be due to emphasis of profit as a measure of management performance. The slower the time lag between bang per buck, then the more elastic bank liquidity.

In reality macroeconomic variables are not mutually exclusive or substitutes rather the compliment another to have reinforcing effect. Jointly the supervision variables affect and related to bank liquidity at fisher 28.70818.

For the Strength-supervision model, supervision variables had expected signs and no autocorrelation between the disturbances as the Durbin-Watson tends to 2. The model is plausible as 95% variation in bank strength is explicated by supervision variables. Without supervision bank strength over the period autonomously decreaases by 7861600.per annum absolutely.

Table 6 shows significant positive association between bank liquidity and bank strength. The magnitude of the bank liquidity impact on bank strength is large. For an increase in the bank strength of 1 percent, on average leads to about 108666.6 increases in bank strength absolutely. The bank liquidity elasticity of bank strength is elastic as epsilon 1.79 is above 1. This may be due to time lag banks may take to adjust to supervision patterns, reforms, and finding alternatives. The farther the lag then the more elastic bank strength. Significant positive association between asset quality and bank strength. For an increase in the asset quality of 1 percent, on average leads to about 7464.185 absolute change in bank strength. This may be due to high claims of banks loan on central government. The beta coefficient of the sensitivity to market risk is not significantly less than zero. Shows the higher the risk to justify the risk of investors expecting higher returns on securities lowers the bank strength.

In reality macroeconomic variables are not mutually exclusive or substitutes rather the compliment another to have reinforcing effect. Jointly the supervision variables affect and related to bank strength at fisher 188.8539.Generally the fisher test being significant aligns with Stigler's conclusion under the "supervisory power view" which postulates that strong official supervision of banks can improve their corporate governance.

4. Policy lessons and conclusion

Regulating and supervising a moving target is a function of a consistent and efficient scheme for supervision variables barring earnings strength (As each management board spontaneously gears towards higher earnings) to be elastic. The time lag banks may take to adjust to supervision patterns, reforms, and finding alternatives should be increased judiciously, the shorter the time frame given by the supervisory authority to implement a new regulation by banks result to inelastic bank liquidity.

Supervision and inspection are not panacea for preventing all in banking industry. There are other measures that can be applied to ensure complete framework. The question is: how should the supervisory authority supervise a moving target? One of many ways is using moving variables. Variables that are functions of economic conditions at a point in time. The essence of using moving variables is that they have announcement effect, they are last resort tool, and they mitigate supervisory arbitrage. The supervisory authority as a watch dog cannot be an umpire and a player, but rather would prefer giving a fitting burial to banks that have failed than jeopardize the whole system. It is therefore worthwhile to devote considerable resources to the establishment of effective supervision and inspection.

Finally, the small sample on which the results are based implies that the policy lessons are suggestive and therefore should be taken with some caution.

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Table array of exogenous and endogenous variables

Table 7: table array of data with dependent variables (bank liquidity and strength) with predictor and instrumental variables (asset quality, cash resrve ratio, sensitivity to market risk, capital protection and earnings strength)

| year | Bank | Asset quality | Bank strength | Cash | sensitivity to | capital | Earnings |
|------|-----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|
| | liquidity | (₦' billion) | (₦ Million) | reserve | market risk | protection | strength (ratio) |
| | (ratio) | | | ratio (ratio) | | (ratio) | |
| 1981 | 74.5 | 1.7739 | 19477.5 | 9.5 | 6.4 | 0.227250673 | 0.000423268 |
| 1982 | 84.6 | 2.8186 | 22661.9 | 10.7 | 4.8 | 0.270171533 | 0.00043604 |
| 1983 | 83.8 | 5.1404 | 26701.5 | 7.1 | 4.3 | 0.205766289 | 0.000384364 |
| 1984 | 81.9 | 8.7261 | 30066.7 | 4.7 | 1.9 | 0.184872084 | 0.000359594 |
| 1985 | 66.9 | 10.2549 | 31997.9 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 0.164988824 | 0.000366318 |
| 1986 | 83.2 | 4.422 | 39678.8 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 0.187646857 | 0.000374328 |
| 1987 | 72.9 | 7.5727 | 49828.4 | 1.4 | -0.55 | 0.215418038 | 0.000348269 |
| 1988 | 66.9 | 7.3096 | 58027.2 | 2.1 | -1.05 | 0.209875084 | 0.000335379 |
| 1989 | 80.4 | 3.614 | 64874 | 2.9 | -5.8 | 0.218400747 | 0.00033681 |
| 1990 | 66.5 | 8.7024 | 82957.8 | 2.9 | -5.5 | 0.328889751 | 0.000310791 |
| 1991 | 59.8 | 6.8135 | 117511.9 | 2.9 | -4.6 | 360.742 | 0.000254368 |
| 1992 | 55.2 | 5.8812 | 159190.8 | 4.4 | -14 | 615.226 | 0.000253994 |
| 1993 | 42.9 | 29.8468 | 226162.8 | 6 | -20.4 | 892.83 | 0.000196277 |
| 1994 | 60.9 | 39.1842 | 295033.2 | 5.7 | -4.1 | 1053.072 | 0.000294584 |
| 1995 | 73.3 | 20.7885 | 385141.8 | 5.8 | -4.6 | 1219.782 | 0.000326457 |
| 1996 | 72.9 | 47.5212 | 458777.5 | 7.5 | -2.65 | 1422.702 | 0.000341624 |
| 1997 | 76.6 | 39.6224 | 584375 | 7.8 | -3.3 | 163.771 | 0.000371947 |
| 1998 | 74.4 | 49.1424 | 694615.1 | 8.3 | -6.35 | 173.3182 | 0.00035391 |
| 1999 | 54.6 | 188.5764 | 1070019.8 | 11.7 | -9.2 | 301.0264 | 0.000293617 |
| 2000 | 51 | 278.1301 | 1568838.7 | 9.8 | -4.5 | 420.4904 | 0.00027895 |
| 2001 | 65.6 | 208.2705 | 2247039.3 | 10.8 | -5.65 | 784.0124 | 0.000332248 |
| 2002 | 62.8 | 467.5217 | 2766880.3 | 10.6 | -8.08 | 838.0334 | 0.000299543 |
| 2003 | 61.9 | 378.2045 | 3047856.3 | 10 | -4.52 | 953.6984 | 0.000341038 |
| 2004 | 68.6 | 609.0753 | 3753277.8 | 8.6 | -4.31 | 998.545006 | 0.000348273 |
| 2005 | 70.8 | 630.8482 | 4515117.6 | 9.7 | 2.5 | 27.3931968 | 0.000366903 |
| 2006 | 63.6 | 993.5304108 | 7172932.1 | 2.6 | 1.8 | 32.88018602 | 0.000306397 |
| 2007 | 70.8 | 1960.407759 | 10981693.6 | 2.8 | -1.61 | 30.9490423 | 0.000359814 |
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| 2010 | 74.2 | 2377.945278 | 17331559 | 1.0 | -4.45 | 24.99302615 | 0.000395317 |
| 2011 | 44.8 | 3162.43154 | 19396633.8 | 8.0 | -12.78 | 48.66579994 | 0.000347444 |
| 2012 | 42.3 | 2527.449458 | 21288144.4 | 12 | -11.97 | 73.11425511 | 0.000364916 |
| 2012 | 36.3 | 2655.662946 | 22361800 | 12 | -8.47 | 126.7215062 | 0.000428996 |

| Source: CBN statistical bulletin and | bureau of statistics, December 2013 | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Note | Ratio | | |
| Bank liquidity | Loan to deposit ratio | Measure the liquidity exposure risk of Nigeria banks | |
| Asset quality | Claims on central government =treasury bills + treasury certificate + development stocks + loans and advances to central government | Is an evaluation of asset to measure the credit risk associated with it | |
| Capital adequacy | Prior to 1990 calculated as = <u>adjusted capital</u> Total loans and advances outstanding from 1991 calculated as = $\underline{T_1 + T_2}$ X 100 % a Where T_1 = Tier 1 capital T_2 = Tier 2 capital A= national regulators minimum total Capital requirement | Measures risks associated with bank capital | |
| Earnings strength | Calculated as = <u>Bank loans</u> Total assets | Measure the rate at which money knocks the door of banks on average | |
| Bank strength | Calculated using Banks total assets | | |
| Cash reserve ratio | Set by the supervisory authority | | |
| Sensitivity to market risk | Measured using the cap[ital asset A pricing model (CAPM) functionally stated as: Required retrun = Beta (Km $-R_f$) where Km $-R_f$ = Risk exposure Beta =beta coefficient | Measures relative risk in the market in which banks operate. | |

Identification and reduced form of equation

BL= $a_0 + a_1 ES + a_2 INCA + a_3 BS + a_4 INCRR + U_1...(1)$ $BS = b_0 + b_1 SEN + b_2 AQ + b_3 BL + U_2....(2)$ From equation (2) $BS = b_0 + b_1 SEN + b_2 AQ + b_3 BL + U_2....(2)$ Substitute BL in equation (2) $BS = b_0 + b_1 SEN + b_2 AQ + b_3 (a_0 + a_1 ES + a_2 INCA + a_3 BS + a_4 INCRR + U_1) + U_2$ $BS = b_0 + b_1 SEN + b_2 AQ + b_3 a_0 + b_3 a_1 ES + a_2 b_3 INCA + a_3 b_3 BS + a_4 b_3 INCRR + b_3 U_1) + U_2$ Collect like terms $BS - a_3b_3BS = b_0 + b_1 SEN + b_2 AQ + b_3 a_0 + b_3 a_1ES + a_2 b_3 INCA + a_4 b_3 INCRR + b_3 U_1 + U_2$ $BS = (b_0/1 - a_3b_3) + (b_1/1 - a_3b_3)SEN + (b_2/1 - a_3b_3)AQ + (a_0b_3/1 - a_3b_3) + (a_1b_2/1 - a_3b_3)BS + (a_2b_3/1 - a_3b_3)INCA + (a_1b_2/1 - a_3b_3)BS + (a_2b_3/1 - a_3b_3)INCA + (a_3b_3)BS + (a_3b_3)B$ $(a_4b_3/1 - a_3b_3)$ INCRR + $(b_3U_1/1 - a_3b_3)$ + $(U_2/1 - a_3b_3)$ From equation (1) $BL = a_0 + a_1$, $ES + a_2INCA + a_3BS + a_4INCRR + U_1(1)$ substitute Bs in equation (1) $BL = a_0 + a_1ES + a_2INCA + [a_3](b_0 + b_1SEN + b_2AQ + b_3BL + U_2) + a_4INCRR + U_1)$ $BL = a_0 + a_1ES + a_2INCA + a_3b_0 + a_3b_1 SEN + a_3b_2AQ + a_3b_3BL + a_3U_2 + a_4INCRR + U_1)$ Collect like term $BL = a_3b_3BL + a_0 + a_1ES + a_2INCA + a_3b_0 + a_3b_1SEN + a_3b_2AQ + a_3b_3BL + a_3U_2 + a_4INCRR + U_1)$ $BL(1 - a_3b_3) = a_0 + a_1ES + a_2INCA + a_3b_0 + a_3b_1SEN + a_3b_2AQ + a_3b_3BL + a_3U_2 + a_4INCRR + U_1)$ $BL = (a_0/1 - a_3b_3) + (a_1/1 - a_3b_3)ES + (a_2/1 - a_3b_3)INCA + (a_3b_0/1 - a_3b_3) + (a_3b_1/1 - a_3b_3)SEN + (a_3b_2/1 - a_3b_3)EN + (a_3b_3/1 - a_3b_3/1 - a_3b_3)EN + (a_3b_3/1 - a_3b_3/1 - a_3/1 - a_3/$)AQ + $(a_3U_2/1 - a_3b_3) + (a_4/1 - a_3b_3)$ INCRR + $(U_1/1 - a_3b_3)$ Putting equation in a more compact form $BL = \pi_{11} + \pi_{12} + \pi_{13}ES + \pi_{14}INCA + \pi_{15}SEN + \pi_{16}AQ \pi_{17}INCRR + V_1 \dots (1)$

BS = $\pi_{21} + \pi_{22} + \pi_{23}$ ES + π_{24} INCA + π_{25} SEN + π_{26} AQ + π_{27} INCRR + V₂....(2) Where

Identification of equation

Identifying the equation is done by order and value equation Order condition for identification Given as $R - r \ge g - 1$ Where r= number of predetermined variable in the model g = number of ingenious variable in the ith equation n= number of predetermined variables in the ith equation under consideration. A = number of actual equation / number of indigenous variable Decision rule \geq : over identified \leq : under identified =: exactly indentified For equation 1: $BL = a_0 + a_1ES + a_2INCA + a_3BS + a_4INCRR + U_1$ R=5 G=2 $r_i=3$ $g_i=2$ $R-r \ge g-1$ $5-3 \ge 2-1$ 2 >1 This necessary not sufficient to conclude that equation is over identified. For equation 2 $BS = b_0 + b_1 S \epsilon N + b_2 AQ + b_3 BL + U_2 \dots (2)$ R = 5 r = 2 g = 2 G = 2 $R-r \ge g-1$ $5-2 \ge 2-1$ 3 > 1 This necessary not sufficient to conclude that equation is over identified. **Rank order for identification** Put model in standard form.

 $\begin{array}{rl} -Bl &+ a_1\epsilon s &+ a_2INCA &+ a_3\,BS &+ a_4\,INCRR & 0S\epsilon N & 0AQ &= -U_1 \\ b_3BL + & 0\epsilon s &+ & 0INCA - & BS &+ 0 & INCRR & b_1SEN & b_2AQ &= -U_2 \end{array}$

| | BL | ES | INCA | BS | INCRR | SEN | AQ | |
|--|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|--|
| 1 | -1 | a ₁ | a ₂ | a ₃ | a_4 | 0 | 0 | |
| 2 | b ₃ | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | b ₁ | B_2 | |
| Number of determinant to form will be of order $G-1=2-1=1$ | | | | | | | | |

For equation 1

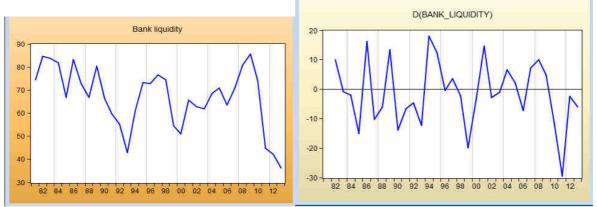
Strive out equation one and strive vertically parameters z of equation one which are non zero i.e

| | BL | ES | INCA | BS | INCRR | SEN | AQ |
|--------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----|
| 1 2 | $\frac{-1}{b_3}$ | _a _l 0 | a ₂ 0 | at ₃ -1 | a ₄ 0 | -0 b ₁ | -0 |

We have matix $[b_1b_2]$ given that determinant to be formed is G-1 =1 $|b_1|\neq 0$ and $|b_2|\neq 0$ thus equation (1) is over identified. For equation 2:

| | BL | ES | INCA | BS | INCRR | SEN | AQ |
|---|------------|----------------|----------------|----|-------|-----|--------|
| 1 | -1 | a ₁ | a ₂ | a3 | a_4 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | b <u>3</u> | _0 | 0 | -1 | _0 | b_ | $-b_2$ |
| | | | | | | | |

We have matrix $[a_1 a_2 a_4]$ given that determinant to be formed isG-1 =1 $[a_1] \neq 0 [a_2] \neq 0$ and $[a_4] \neq 0$ thus equation (2) is over identified.



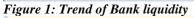


Figure 2: Trend of first difference of Bank liquiditY

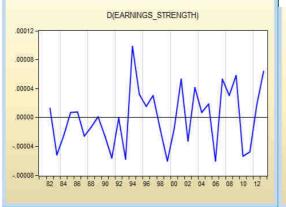




Figure 3: Trend of Earnings strength

Figure 4: Trend of first difference of Earnings strength

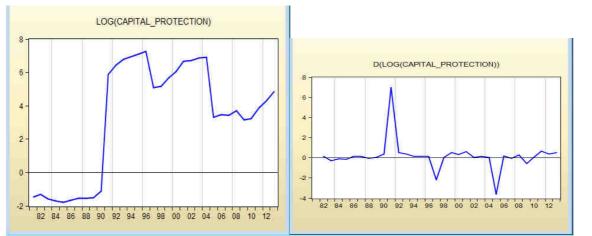


Figure 5: Trend of natural log of Capital protection Figure 6: Trend of the first difference of Capital protection to base e

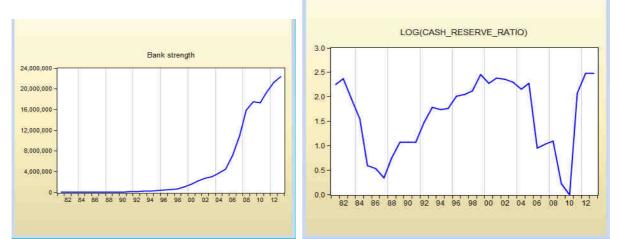


Figure 7: Trend of Bank strength

Figure 8: Trend of Cash reserve ratio to base e

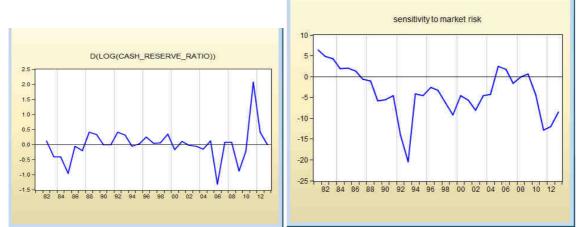


Figure 9: Trend of first difference of Cash reserve ratio to base e Figure 10: Trend of sensitivity to market risk



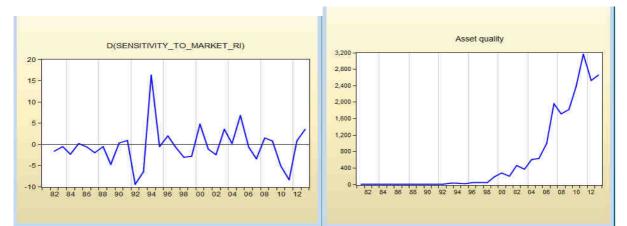


Figure 11: Trend of first difference of sensitivity to market riskFigure 12: Trend of Asset quality

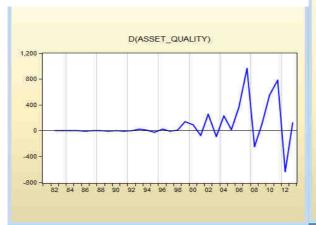




Figure 13: Trend of first difference of Asset quality

Figure 14: Trend of second difference of Asset quality

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