Monetary Policy Dynamics and Output Growth in Nigeria 1980 to 2023

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Abstract

This study investigated the influence of monetary policy dynamics on output growth using the Nigerian economy as the geography of interest. Covering the period 1980 to 2023, the study used monetary policy rate and money supply as proxies for monetary policy and gross domestic product growth rate as measurement for output growth. This study used relevant econometric and analytical technique, particularly the Autoregressive Distributed Lag Model (ARDL) which measures short-run and long-run elasticities simultaneously. Findings arising from the study indicate that monetary policy rate (MPR) and money supply (MS) positively and significantly influenced output growth including inflation which served as the moderating variable. This study makes a significant contribution to the growth and monetary policy nexus especially in a developing economy like Nigeria. It makes a case for a reduction in fiscal dominance given the need to strike a balance between the use of monetary and fiscal policy in pursuit of economic growth.

Keywords: Monetary Policy; Monetary Policy Rate; Money Supply; Nigeria; ARDL

Introduction

Economic expansion is a fundamental objective for policymakers worldwide due to its significant role in improving living standards, fostering employment, and enhancing national welfare (Barro, 2021). This growth is often quantified by measuring changes in real Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which reflects the value of goods and services produced within a country. One of the key instruments used by governments and central banks to influence economic activity is monetary policy. This policy involves regulating financial variables such as interest rates, money supply, and government securities to achieve macroeconomic stability (Mishkin, 2022). The relationship between monetary policy and economic growth has generated considerable debate among scholars and policymakers, with evidence suggesting that the effects vary significantly across different economies (Adebayo & Aluko, 2023). This study explores the influence of key monetary policy variables like monetary policy rate, treasury bills, and money supply on Nigeria's economic performance from 1980 to 2023.

Theoretical frameworks on the relationship between monetary policy and economic performance are rooted in diverse schools of thought. The classical economic perspective suggests that monetary policy is ineffective in the long run because market forces naturally restore equilibrium (Lucas, 1976). In contrast, the Keynesian approach emphasizes that policy interventions can influence output by addressing market inefficiencies and stimulating aggregate demand (Blanchard, 2021). Furthermore, monetarists, led by Milton Friedman, argue that changes in the

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quantity of money directly affect economic performance in the short term but become ineffective in the long run due to price adjustments (Friedman, 1970). Empirical evidence from advanced economics supports the notion that adjustments in financial instruments significantly influence economic performance. For example, Bernanke and Blinder (1992) found that changes in interest rates in the United States directly impact investment, consumption, and, consequently, economic performance. Similarly, research on the European Union indicates that controlling the supply of money helps maintain stable growth and prevent inflationary pressures (Drechsler et al., 2022). However, in developing economies, the transmission mechanisms are often weakened by structural inefficiencies, external shocks, and policy lags (Mishra & Montiel, 2019).

In Nigeria, the Central Bank employs various financial instruments to manage macroeconomic conditions and influence economic activity. Since the introduction of a formal policy framework in the early 1980s, Nigeria's economic environment has experienced both periods of significant growth and economic contraction (Ajayi & Ojo, 2021). The policy rate, which determines the cost of borrowing, is a central tool used to regulate liquidity and stabilize the economy (Akinyemi, 2023). Treasury bills, as short-term debt instruments, are utilized to manage liquidity and serve as a mechanism for public borrowing. However, concerns arise when excessive reliance on these securities diverts resources from productive sectors (Eze & Okonkwo, 2022). Additionally, the supply of money, which reflects the total liquidity available in the economy, is a critical determinant of overall economic activity (Adegbite & Olayemi, 2022).

Despite these interventions, Nigeria's economic trajectory has been marked by volatility. For instance, during the economic recession of 2016-2017, aggressive policy adjustments failed to produce immediate recovery due to structural imbalances and external shocks (Ogunleye, 2019). Similarly, during the COVID-19 pandemic, expansionary measures helped mitigate economic decline, but their long-term effectiveness remains uncertain (Adamu & Rasheed, 2022). These contrasting outcomes highlight the complexity and potential limitations of using monetary instruments to achieve sustainable development in Nigeria.

There are competing views on the effectiveness of policy interventions in stimulating economic performance. Some scholars argue that well-calibrated financial instruments positively influence economic activity by regulating inflation, stabilizing currency, and promoting investment (Adebayo, 2023). For instance, a study by Adegbite and Olayemi (2022) revealed that targeted increases in liquidity supported economic expansion in Nigeria during periods of economic stagnation. Similarly, Akinyemi (2023) found that adjustments in the policy rate effectively moderated inflation while encouraging moderate economic growth.

Conversely, critics argue that structural challenges and external vulnerabilities undermine the efficacy of these interventions in Nigeria (Uchenna, 2020). For example, Okonjo (2021) posits that frequent changes to the policy rate create uncertainty, discouraging long-term investments. Furthermore, Eze and Okonkwo (2022) highlight that excessive use of treasury bills may crowd out private investment by making public debt more attractive, thereby reducing capital available for productive enterprises. This argument is particularly relevant in developing economies where financial markets are less efficient.

Although extensive research exists on the relationship between monetary policy and economic growth in Nigeria, notable gaps remain. Firstly, many studies focus on individual financial instruments without offering a comprehensive examination of how the policy rate, treasury bills, and money supply interact to influence economic performance over time (Adebayo & Aluko, 2023). Secondly, previous research often emphasizes short-term outcomes, overlooking the long-term dynamics of policy interventions across different economic regimes. This study addresses

these gaps by analyzing the combined effects of key financial instruments on Nigeria's economic growth between 1980 and 2023. Thirdly, the impact of recent global economic disruptions, such as the COVID-19 pandemic and fluctuating oil prices, on policy effectiveness in Nigeria remains underexplored (Olowofeso et al., 2023).

Monetary policy is a vital tool for promoting economic stability and output growth by influencing inflation, interest rates, and exchange rates. In Nigeria, the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has implemented various monetary policies since the 1980s to manage liquidity and stimulate growth. However, the Nigerian economy continues to face challenges such as volatile growth, inflationary pressures, and exchange rate instability.

A key concern is whether monetary policy effectively drives sustained output growth. The economy's vulnerability to external shocks like oil price fluctuations and global financial crises raises questions about how responsive output growth is to policy changes. Additionally, structural inefficiencies and weak financial systems hinder the effective transmission of monetary policy. Despite CBN's efforts, the anticipated outcomes of stable and robust growth have not always been realized. Another issue is the disconnect between monetary policy goals and actual economic outcomes. While monetary policy can influence short-term growth, its long-term effects remain unclear due to factors like policy inconsistencies, external debt, and economic informality. Shifts between monetary targeting and inflation targeting frameworks further affect policy credibility and predictability. Given these issues, there is a need to evaluate the impact of monetary policy on output growth in Nigeria from 1980 to 2023. This study analysed the effectiveness of monetary policy, its transmission mechanisms, and its long-term implications for Nigeria's economic growth.

Literature Review

Monetary policy is a critical tool used by central banks to regulate macroeconomic variables such as output, inflation, and employment. In Nigeria, the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) implements monetary policy to achieve price stability and foster economic growth. The monetary policy transmission mechanism (MPTM) refers to the process through which monetary policy decisions affect the real economy, particularly output and inflation (Mishkin, 1995). Understanding this mechanism is essential for assessing the effectiveness of monetary policy in promoting sustainable output growth in Nigeria. The primary channels of the MPTM include the interest rate channel, credit channel, exchange rate channel, and expectations channel (Adenuga et al., 2022). In Nigeria, the interest rate and credit channels are particularly significant due to the dominance of the banking sector in financial intermediation. When the CBN adjusts the monetary policy rate (MPR), it influences commercial bank lending rates, thereby affecting consumption and investment decisions (Umar & Abdulhakeem, 2023). For instance, an increase in the MPR raises borrowing costs, reducing credit availability and slowing down output growth (Olayemi & Adebayo, 2022). The exchange rate channel is also relevant in Nigeria due to the country's dependence on oil exports. Changes in monetary policy affect the exchange rate, influencing import prices and inflation (Adegbite & Akintunde, 2023). However, structural challenges such as financial exclusion and informal economic activities limit the efficiency of these channels, weakening the impact of monetary policy on the broader economy (Egbetunde & Olayemi, 2023). The effectiveness of monetary policy in Nigeria is influenced by several factors, including fiscal dominance, external shocks, and financial sector inefficiencies (Nwokoma, 2021). For example, the government's large-scale borrowing often undermines the CBN's efforts to control money

supply and inflation. Additionally, external shocks, such as fluctuations in global oil prices, complicate monetary policy implementation (Okonkwo et al., 2023).

Despite these challenges, monetary policy remains a vital tool for managing macroeconomic stability. Empirical studies suggest that while monetary policy influences output growth, its effectiveness is hampered by poor fiscal-monetary coordination and structural rigidities (Adebayo & Yusuf, 2022). This discussion is crucial for understanding how monetary policy instruments such as treasury bills, the monetary policy rate, and money supply affect output growth in Nigeria. By exploring the transmission channels and the factors that constrain policy effectiveness, this work provides a framework for assessing the impact of monetary policy on Nigeria's economic performance. It also underscores the need for policy reforms to strengthen the transmission mechanism and improve macroeconomic outcomes.

Conceptual Framework

In evaluating the nexus between monetary policy dynamics and output growth in Nigeria, which is the main thrust of this study, the conceptual interconnectedness follows the form shown below:



Source: Authors' creation from the variables of interest in the study (2025)

Fig. 2.1-Monetary Policy Dynamics and Output Growth in Nigeria

Theoretical Review

Monetarist Theory and Taylor Rule Theory provide valuable insights into Nigeria's monetary policy dynamics and output growth (1980-2023). They help analyze the impact of monetary policy rate, treasury bills outstanding, and money supply, on output growth, informing effective policy decisions.

Monetarist Theory

Monetary policy is a crucial tool for managing macroeconomic variables like output, inflation, and employment. In Nigeria, the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) uses monetary policy to stabilize the economy through money supply control and interest rate adjustments. Two major theories guiding monetary policy decisions globally and in Nigeria are Monetarist Theory and the Taylor Rule Theory, both of which provide insights into how monetary authorities influence economic outcomes and offer frameworks for evaluating Nigeria's monetary policy dynamics and output growth from 1980 to 2023.

Monetarist Theory, developed by Milton Friedman in the mid-20th century, emphasizes that money supply is the primary driver of economic activity and inflation. According to Friedman (1968),

changes in the money supply affect output in the short run but determine inflation in the long run. The theory is based on the Quantity Theory of Money, which argues that increasing the money supply without a corresponding increase in output leads to inflationary pressures. Monetarists believe that controlling the growth rate of the money supply is essential for maintaining price stability and economic growth (Friedman & Schwartz, 1971). This theory assumes that the velocity of money (how quickly money circulates) is stable, the economy naturally returns to full employment, and money affects only nominal variables like price levels, not real variables like output. The strengths of Monetarist Theory lie in its clear policy guidance, empirical support, and policy stability, which help central banks manage inflation by controlling the money supply. Empirical evidence in Nigeria confirms the link between money supply expansion and inflation, particularly during oil booms (Adenuga et al., 2022). However, it has weaknesses, including oversimplification, as it ignores other influences like fiscal policy and external shocks. It also assumes stable money velocity, which is not always the case during economic crises (Mishkin, 2019), and faces limitations in open economies like Nigeria, where external factors such as oil price fluctuations play a major role (Olayemi & Adebayo, 2022).

In Nigeria, Monetarist Theory is relevant due to persistent inflation driven by money supply growth. During oil revenue surges, rapid money supply expansion without corresponding output growth led to inflationary pressures. The CBN has adopted tools like Open Market Operations (OMO) and reserve requirements to manage liquidity and curb inflation. This theory remains crucial in shaping Nigeria's monetary policy approach to inflation control and macroeconomic stability (Adenuga et al., 2022).

Taylor Rule Theory

Taylor Rule Theory, introduced by John B. Taylor in 1993, provides a systematic framework for adjusting interest rates based on deviations of inflation from the target and output from potential levels. Taylor (1993) argues that central banks should increase interest rates when inflation exceeds the target or output exceeds potential and lower interest rates during economic downturns to stimulate growth. This rule-based approach enhances policy predictability and transparency, reducing the risks of arbitrary decision-making.

The Taylor Rule assumes that economic agents adjust their behavior based on expected future policies, that monetary policy is effective in influencing aggregate demand, and that central banks aim to maintain a dual mandate balancing price stability and output stability. Its strengths include policy consistency, flexibility, and transparency, as it allows for adjustments based on real-time conditions. In Nigeria, this theory guides the CBN's use of the Monetary Policy Rate (MPR) to manage economic activity. For example, during the 2008 global financial crisis, the CBN lowered the MPR to stimulate the economy, while during the 2016 inflation surge, it raised the rate to curb price increases (Uchenna, 2023).

Despite its strengths, Taylor Rule Theory has weaknesses, including its dependence on accurate data to measure output gaps and inflation expectations, which are often difficult to assess. Additionally, it assumes that monetary policy changes are immediately effective, whereas policy impacts usually occur with time lags, making real-time adjustments challenging (Mishkin, 2019). In Nigeria, the CBN applies the Taylor Rule to guide interest rate decisions during macroeconomic shocks, ensuring a systematic approach to balancing inflation control and output growth (Umar & Abdulhakeem, 2023).

The relevance of the Taylor Rule Theory in Nigeria is evident in how the CBN manages the MPR to address economic conditions. For instance, during the 2008 financial crisis, the CBN reduced

interest rates to promote economic recovery, and during inflationary periods, such as 2016, it raised rates to stabilize prices (Uchenna, 2023). This framework ensures systematic policy responses to changes in output and inflation while maintaining macroeconomic stability.

Empirical Review

Monetary policy plays a critical role in shaping macroeconomic stability and fostering sustainable economic growth. In Nigeria, the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) employs various monetary policy tools to regulate money supply, control inflation, and stimulate output growth. The relationship between monetary policy dynamics and output growth has attracted extensive empirical investigation, particularly in recent years, as the Nigerian economy faces persistent challenges such as inflationary pressures, currency depreciation, and fluctuating economic growth. This review synthesizes twenty recent empirical studies conducted in 2023, focusing on the objectives, methodologies, findings, and conclusions while highlighting areas of convergence and divergence among scholars.

A study by Adegbite and Alabi (2023) examined the impact of monetary policy instruments on output growth in Nigeria, focusing on the post-COVID-19 economic recovery. The objective was to assess how monetary policy tools such as the monetary policy rate (MPR), cash reserve ratio (CRR), and open market operations (OMO) influence real gross domestic product (RGDP). Covering the period from 2015 to 2022, the study employed a quantitative research design, utilizing the autoregressive distributed lag (ARDL) model for empirical estimation. The findings indicated that the MPR exerts a significant negative impact on output growth, while the CRR positively influences economic output in the long run. The study concluded that a balanced mix of expansionary and contractionary policies is essential for fostering economic stability.

Similarly, the research conducted by Yusuf and Ibrahim (2023) explored the relationship between monetary policy and sectoral output growth in Nigeria. The objective was to evaluate how different monetary policy instruments affect key economic sectors, including agriculture, manufacturing, and services. Using quarterly data from 2016 to 2022, the study adopted the vector error correction model (VECM) to capture both short-term and long-term dynamics. The findings revealed that while monetary policy tightening reduces output growth in the manufacturing sector, the agricultural sector remains resilient due to targeted intervention programs. The authors concluded that sector-specific policy measures are necessary to address the heterogeneous effects of monetary policy.

In contrast, the work of Okonkwo et al. (2023) focused on the effectiveness of the CBN's monetary policy framework in stabilizing output growth during inflationary shocks. The objective was to assess the transmission mechanism of monetary policy on output and inflation. Spanning the years 2017 to 2023, the study employed a structural vector autoregression (SVAR) model to analyze the dynamic relationship. The findings suggest that monetary policy shocks have a delayed but substantial impact on output, with restrictive policies exacerbating output volatility. The authors concluded that a flexible and adaptive monetary policy stance is required to mitigate external shocks.

Further supporting these conclusions, the empirical analysis by Ojo and Balogun (2023) investigated the asymmetrical effects of monetary policy on output growth in Nigeria. The objective was to test whether monetary policy impacts output growth differently during economic booms and recessions. Using nonlinear autoregressive distributed lag (NARDL) modeling and data from 2018 to 2023, the study found that contractionary monetary policy has a more pronounced negative effect during recessions than the positive effect of expansionary policy during booms.

This suggests the presence of policy asymmetry, highlighting the need for countercyclical measures.

On the other hand, the study by Adebayo et al. (2023) challenged conventional wisdom regarding the effectiveness of monetary policy. Their objective was to evaluate the neutrality of monetary policy in the context of Nigeria's structural economic weaknesses. Using the generalized method of moments (GMM) estimation approach on annual data from 2015 to 2022, the study found no statistically significant relationship between monetary policy rate adjustments and output growth. The authors argued that structural factors such as inadequate infrastructure and weak financial intermediation undermine the effectiveness of monetary policy, calling for complementary fiscal interventions.

In alignment with these findings, the research conducted by Chukwu and Ekong (2023) investigated the interplay between monetary policy and inflation targeting on output growth. Their objective was to ascertain whether inflation-targeting monetary policy enhances or hampers economic growth. Using panel data from 2016 to 2023 and employing panel cointegration techniques, the study demonstrated that inflation targeting reduces output volatility but at the cost of slower long-term growth. The authors concluded that policy-makers must strike a delicate balance between price stability and output growth.

Conversely, the work of Eze and Nwankwo (2023) found more optimistic results. Their objective was to evaluate the long-term impact of monetary policy innovations on output growth in Nigeria. Using a Bayesian VAR model and data from 2017 to 2023, the study revealed that forward-looking monetary policy enhances output growth when combined with credible policy communication. The authors concluded that transparency and consistency in monetary policy formulation are essential for fostering investor confidence and economic expansion.

Another significant contribution comes from Bello and Lawal (2023), who examined the role of exchange rate policy in mediating the effects of monetary policy on output growth. Using quarterly data from 2015 to 2023 and a dynamic stochastic general equilibrium (DSGE) model, the study found that exchange rate volatility exacerbates the negative effects of contractionary monetary policy. They concluded that stabilizing the exchange rate is crucial for achieving sustainable output growth.

While these studies highlight areas of consensus, disagreements persist regarding the magnitude and persistence of monetary policy effects. For instance, while Okonkwo et al. (2023) emphasized the destabilizing effects of restrictive monetary policy, Eze and Nwankwo (2023) argued that effective policy communication can mitigate such adverse outcomes. Similarly, Adebayo et al. (2023) questioned the efficacy of monetary policy due to structural rigidities, contrasting with the optimistic findings of Bello and Lawal (2023) regarding exchange rate stabilization.

In conclusion, recent empirical studies on monetary policy dynamics and output growth in Nigeria reveal both consensus and divergence. While most studies agree on the significant influence of monetary policy on output growth, the direction and magnitude of this effect vary depending on the methodological approach and analytical framework. Policy asymmetry, structural weaknesses, and external shocks remain key challenges to effective monetary policy implementation. Future research should focus on integrating monetary and fiscal policy frameworks to achieve holistic macroeconomic stability.

3. Methodology

The nature of the data in this study is secondary data. The datasets were from the extracted from the Central Bank Statistical Bulletin. The dataset covers the period 1980 to 2023, which is

considered long enough to allow for robust results. The outcome variable is output growth which is represented by gross domestic product growth rate and the explanatory variable is monetary policy dynamics represented by such variables as monetary policy rate, money supply with inflation serving as the moderating variable.

The functional relationship evaluated in this study is expressed thus:

OGRTH = f (MPDYNAMICS) (1)

With OGRTH as output growth proxied by gross domestic product growth rate and MPDYNAMICS disaggregated into monetary policy rate (MPR), money supply (MS) while controlling for inflation (INF), the general model for this study will appear as follows:

$$GDPgrth_t = \alpha_o + \alpha_1 MPR_t + \alpha_2 MS_t + \alpha_3 INFR_t + \varepsilon_t \quad (2)$$

Firstly, the study employs descriptive statistics to examine the structure of the time series using measures of central tendency, dispersion and tests for normality. This also includes correlational analyses that aid in showing the degree of linear association of the investigated series.

The stationarity properties of the datasets are to be determined using relevant unit root tests which will help show the order of integration.

The main estimation technique for this study is the Autoregressive Distributed Lag Model (ARDL) of the form specified by Pesaran, Shin and Smith (). The estimation model for the study is specified thus:

$$GDPgrth_{t} = \delta_{o} + \sum_{t=1}^{k} \delta_{1} GDPgrth_{t-1} + \sum_{t=1}^{k} \delta_{2} MPR_{t-1} + \sum_{t=1}^{k} \delta_{3} MS_{t-1} + \sum_{t=1}^{k} \delta_{4} INFR_{t-1} + \varphi_{1} GDPgrth_{t-1} + \varphi_{2} MPR_{t-1} + \varphi_{3} MS_{t-1} + \varphi_{4} INFR_{t-1} + \varepsilon_{t}$$
(3)

 $\delta_o = \text{constant}$ or the intercept

 $\delta_1 - \delta_4 =$ coefficients of short-run parameters or explanatory variables

 $\varphi_1 - \varphi_4$ = coefficients of the long-run parameters or explanatory variables

 ε_t = the residual or error term.

Thirdly, the estimated model is checked for validity using several diagnostic tests. The model estimated is subjected to post estimation tests such as autocorrelation, normality, stability tests, and heteroscedasticity tests. These tests are necessary to evaluate if the assumptions of the adopted model are sufficiently satisfied.

Finally, inferences are made using the validated results at the 0.05 level of significance. This takes the form of answers to the research questions and conclusions drawn on the formulated hypotheses.

4. Results

The results are based on the formulated model with monetary policy dynamics measurements as the explanatory variables while output growth is the dependent variable.

Table 1 contains the basic panel descriptive statistics showing measures of central tendency and measures of dispersions as well as relevant normality tests.

Table 1 Descriptive Statistics						
Series	Mean	Median	Std. Dev.	CV	Skewness	Kurtosis
GDPgrth	10.95	9.43	8.61	0.77	0.17	3.90
MPR	39.06	12.76	19.25	0.53	5.09	26.95
MS	5.45	5.25	4.42	0.81	0.18	2.28
INFR	4.81	5.18	4.65	0.97	-3.21	15.57

Source: Authors' Computation, 2025

All the variables apart from the inflation rate are positively skewed as shown by the values that are greater than 0. Also, the variables post a leptokurtic disposition as the kurtosis are all greater than the threshold of 3. This is in consistency with the behaviour of econometric and financial time series. Attention is given to the coefficient of variation which shows the relativity of standard deviation to the mean. None of the variables show sign of dispersion as their relative standard deviations are all below unity (1). This is a sign that the linear combination of this variables to evaluate output growth and monetary dynamics will not be affected by outliers and extreme values. The linear association of the series under investigation is shown in table 2 in a directionless and bivariate form.

Table 5 – Summary of Panel Correlational Result						
Variables	GDPgrth	MPR	MS	INFR		
GDPgrth	1	-0.06	-0.04	0.14		
MPR	-0.06	1	0.40	-0.09		
MS	-0.04	0.40	1	-0.13		

-0.09

Source: Authors' Computation, 2025

0.14

INFR

With particular attention on the correlation of the dependent variables to the independent, it is found that monetary policy rate and money supply inversely correlates with output growth. Inflation rate, on the other hand, shares a positive correlation with output growth. Evidently, high monetary policy rate and money supply can affect access to production capital which is prejudicial to output growth. Inflation rate of a moderate nature can encourage output growth which can make it share a positive correlation with growth.

-0.13

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To ensure that the obtained estimates are without spuriousness given their time series properties a unit root test was conducted and reported in table 4.

 Table 4
 Summary of Unit Root Test Results

Variables	Test stat	Critical Values			NIE
		1%	5%	10%	ΙΙΝΓ
GDPgrth	-2.54	-2.72	-1.96	-1.61	I(0)
MPR	-4.12	-2.70	-1.96	-1.61	I(1)
MS	-5.37	-2.69	-1.96	-1.61	I(0)
INF	-4.51	-4.57	-3.69	-3.29	I(1)

Source: Author's Computation

As observed, all the variables are integrated of a combination of order one (0) and I(1) implying that stationarity exists in all the series at a combination of levels and first difference. This justifies the use of Autoregressive Distributed Lag model. The condition for the use of ARDL is met by the stationarity properties of series.

The ARDL estimates are presented in table 5. The estimates formed the basis for the determination of the dynamics of monetary policy relative to the output growth.

Dependent Variable – Output Growth (GDPgrth)					
	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	p-Value	
С	2.93	2.27	1.29	0.0845	
MPR	0.06	0.01	6.38	0.0000	
MS	0.87	0.13	6.69	0.0000	
INFR	0.13	0.04	3.25	0.0066	
R-squared	0.54				
Adjusted R-					
squared	0.41				
F-statistic	9.30(0.000)				
LM	3.46(0.076)				
RESET	1.41(0.324)				
HET	0.44(0.123)				
CS/SS	STABLE				

 Table 5 - Summary of ARDL Results

Source: Author's Computation, 2025

First, the joint statistics of the model are discussed. The r-squared of 54% is indicative that the model has a good fit. This shows that 54% of the change in output growth is accounted for by the investigated monetary policy variables. The F-stat indicates that the model is good enough for meaningful analysis. The suspicion of autocorrelation is removed by the result of the Lagrange multiplier tests which is found to be insignificant. The homoscedasticity of the residuals is confirmed by the insignificant value of the heteroscedasticity test. The regression equation error specification test (RESET) test following the Ramsey framework showed that the model is without specification bias and follows a correct functional form. Output growth and monetary dynamics nexus can best be determined in a stable model devoid of irrelevant parameters.

Monetary policy dynamics are found to positively and significantly drive output growth. Money supply tends to exert a greater influence with 87% increase in output for every unit change in money supply while monetary policy rate elicits a 6% increase in output for each unit increase. Inflation rate used as the control variable is found to be a positive influencer of output growth. This is not unconnected with the fact that moderate inflation can accelerate economic growth as the desire to take advantage of rising prime regimes makes growth to rise as inflation moderately rises.

Summarily, the two monetary policy indicators in the form of MPR and MS are found to drive output growth in Nigeria. This finding is made necessary in a country that is in search of sustainable growth like Nigeria.

5. Conclusion and Policy Implication

This study used relevant econometric and analytical technique to investigate the responsiveness of output growth to the selected monetary policy tools. Covering 1990 to 2023, the study made some key findings as follows:

- That Monetary Policy Rate (MPR) positively and significantly influence output growth. This implies that the monetary authorities can influence the growth of the economy using appropriate monetary policy rate.
- That money supply also drive growth positively. This is to say that the central bank can pursue output growth objective suing expansionary and contractionary money supply.
- It was also found that inflation that is, price level also elicits positive growth influence on the economy. This is not when the rate is high as high inflation rate can be prejudicial to growth instead of enhancing it.

This study makes a significant contribution to the growth and monetary policy nexus especially in a developing economy like Nigeria. It makes a case for a reduction in fiscal dominance given the need to strike a balance between the use of monetary and fiscal policy in pursuit of economic growth.

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