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## **ABSTRACT**

This study investigates the effect of open access resources on research productivity among lecturers in the Department of Educational Management, University of Benin, Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria. The research explores how freely available scholarly materials impact the research output, accessibility, and efficiency of academic work.

A descriptive survey research design was employed, with data collected through questionnaires distributed to lecturers. The study analyzed the extent of awareness, utilization, and challenges associated with open access resources. Findings reveal that while open access resources significantly enhance research productivity by increasing access to high-quality materials, challenges such as inadequate ICT skills and unreliable internet connectivity limit their full potential.

Based on the findings, recommendations were made to improve awareness, infrastructure, and training on the effective use of open access platforms. Keywords: Open Access Resources, Research Productivity, Academic Research, University of Benin, Lecturers.