

Review of: "Differences in Regional Productivity and Imbalance in Regional Growth"

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This paper investigates an important and interesting research question that whether and how regional productivity and regional economic growth are related with each other. However, there are several issues that need to be addressed.

First, the authors may elaborate the advantage of chosen models' specification over other methods to investigate the regional spillover effects in two selected sectors. A recent work by Yang & Wang (2022, SEPS) may serve as a reference work. Second, it remains unclear to me about the underlying mechanism of why the spillover of impacts differ with respect to regional spillovers and sectoral spillovers, and how it links to the economic structure. The authors may elaborate the regional policy changes and their consequences, relevant work such as Wang & Yang (JEBS, 2022) and Yu et al. (2022, WE).

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