

Review of: "General Equilibrium Effects of Investments in Education, and Changes in the Labor Force Composition"

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Abstract

The variables in the title looks very interesting and essential due the key role investments in education plays on productivity and labour force for that matter. However the abstract lacked some key features that are usually found in most scientific research such as sample involved, the type of data/design used and the research site among others. Also, one is not sure if *labour force composition* as the same as *workers' shares in the labour force* as indicated in the findings. Again, the last sentence "*This comes associated with a positive supply shock, entailing gains in productivity, income, and welfare, as well as changes in the structure of the economy*" of the abstract seems quite displaced as it does not seem relate to the focus the study. This section might need some revisions.

Keywords

Labour productivity and economic growth seems not to be part of the variable under study.

Introduction and Motivation

This section needs to be revised to focus on the variables of interest. The discussions are not supported with adequate citations to get the readers informed and get study grounded as well. The few citations used are quite old and were not well presented. Such citations might not portray the issues that come with such a contemporary study. The variables of interest must take the centre stage of the introduction. Most of the discussion was skewed towards computable general equilibrium (CGE). The last paragraph on findings is quite displaced and needs to be taken away to the conclusion section.

Literature Review and generation of research questions/hypotheses

There was no section devoted to this aspect of the paper. The sections starting from page 3 was linked up with some presentation of results. The paper had no clearly delineated objectives, so it is really difficult to know what the results are focusing on. Most figures were not well explained and some new variables were introduced on page 8 (eleven industries). The whole section needs to be revised.

Methodology

No section was devoted to the methods that are to be used to guide the conduct of the study.

Discussion

As already reiterated, the reader could not follow the discussion without research hypotheses. A lot of new variables were again introduced under this section and the write up had no direct linkages with the results presented under the sections.

New references were also used in the discussion as well.

Concluding remarks

The human capital formation theory which could have formed the theoretical framework for the study was not presented in the paper. The conclusion also seems to deviate from the variables of the study and the results that was presented in the sections.

References

Check the journal's preference for referencing style.

General Comments

Though the paper looked at a contemporary issue, it needs a major revision. Due to its technical nature the author should endeavour to be consistent and logical enough for readers to follow the ideas and issues being shared in the paper. The use of personal pronouns must be avoided throughout the paper.