

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

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The paper is well written and organized and is worth of publication. This topic is meaningful, however, this paper needs to undergo major revision before it is accepted. My comments:

- 1. The abstract should be enhanced significantly by findings.
- 2. Most of the documents used in the manuscript are from before 2016, which may have a big gap with the latest research.
- 3. The literature review section can be improved by some related and recent works.
- 4. The data used in the manuscript is also up to 2016. it is suggested that the author update the research data. if the data cannot be updated, please give a reasonable explantion in the manuscript.
- 5. The main contribution of the work should be clarified.
- 6. I suggest preparing a table for literature review section in which all works are compared.

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