

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

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This paper provided a new perspective to understanding the productivity spillover effect among inter-regional and inter-sectoral dimensions. Overall, it is well-written and is an interesting topic. Some issues need to be addressed, as follows:

- The title seems unmatched by your research objectives. It is too oversized. In other words, this could hide your innovation from the research community.
- The Literature Review section could be furtherly reorganized. The research review is a separate block rather than a belt at present, in my view.
- Figure 1: Some label in the x-axis is uncompleted. Please revise them. The same as other Figures in the manuscript.
- In the equation definition of LQ, the indicator E_i , you mentioned industry, how do you distinguish the industry and sector? It is not clear to me. Maybe you should unify the description if you treat them the same.
- Figure 2&3. The focus of this research is the change, so why you do not visualize the changes in the LQ index. Compared with the initial component in 2000, more information about changes in 2000-2008, 2009-2016 should be the emphasis. Of course, maybe I did not get the point.
- Theory basis. More details should be explained to link the previous theory and this study.
- Result and Discussion. Especially, in the Discussion part, more references should be mentioned to verify your findings. What's new in this paper? What does this mean to the research topic? Meanwhile, the implications and limitations should be included.

Good luck with your paper publishing.