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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Compulsory REVISION comments	I think the issue is really important. The general approach is direct and, to my way of thinking, simple but adequate. The hypothesis is that greater foreign competition through imports, leads to high-tech industries increase their spending on R & D. By contrast, for the low-tech industries lead to implement other strategies, especially in spending and lobbying efforts. The estimates obtained for high-tech industries are acceptable, although some have problems with the signs. I think that the estimates for low-tech industries do not allow any conclusive result. I would advise to have a brief discussion on the relationship between the dependent variable and the explanatory variables. I understand that the study period is 2000-2010. I do not know why on page 9 explain statistics for different periods, such as 1991-1999 and 1987-2010. This should be clarified in the text. I feel that there is some repetition to explain the model to be estimated econometrically on pages 8 and 10. Could you verify this?	(1) Discussion of dependent and explanatory variables is detailed in Section 3. Definitions and data sources of those variable are clearly summarized in Table 2. (2) Our data for all the variables in our analysis are from different sources. They cover different time periods, such as 1991-1999, 1987-2010, and so on. In section 3 and following empirical tests, however, we emphasize for many times that our study time period is from 2000 to 2010. (3) Repetitive content associated with the empirical methods are deleted.

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	I recommend that the manuscript be published with annotations indicated.	
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	They are written up.	
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