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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?	

	I recommend that the manuscript be published with annotations indicated.	
Minor REVISION comments	They are written up.	
Optional/General comments	Econometric estimates are those found by the authors and cannot be modified.	

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