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PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR’S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors’ response to final evaluator’s comments
Article gained great finish, but, nevertheless, is not free from some drawbacks. The authors have made only superficial and formal changes without changing the essence of the problems. If the results relate only to one country, the cognitive abilities of this article are very limited. In addition, they not only reduced the amount of links, but also added a new.	This research focuses on the case study of Vietnam-a developing country. The authors would like to enhance the significance and the originality of the research through evaluating the possible impacts of FTAs on a specific developing country in terms of testable implications from gravity models (empirical study). The authors did not emphasize on the trade and FDI effects on whole member countries. This is because there is a vast empirical study evaluating the impact of FTAs on entire country members while there are a few studies concerning the impact of FTAs on a specific case of a developing country as mentioned in the literature review section. Thus, Vietnam offers an interesting case study for several reasons: First, among many developing countries, Vietnam has maintained high levels of foreign trade growth since the 1990s. The country has also attracted a considerable amount of FDI capital since opening up its economy through signing FTAs. Second, an understanding of the impacts of FTAs on Vietnam’s FDI attraction, and foreign trade expansion will have an important implication for the design of supporting policies to achieve a professional development in the coming years and to promote the country’s integration into the global economy. At any rates, the authors added some implies and policy recommendations for Vietnam to Section 6. Concluding Remarks and Recommendations. This will make the paper logical and perfect. Thanks a lot!