

Editorial Comments

I appreciate the authors' effort in editing the manuscript. I provide some examples as follow for the authors' disposal. Doing these amendments will significantly improve readability, yet the authors may stay the same with lower quality.

Original: As mentioned in [2], by setting out the gravity model and using data of 178 countries, the author concluded that there was no statistically significant impact of the WTO on its member's bilateral trade flows in fifty years (1948-1999).

Suggestion: By setting out the gravity model and using data of 178 countries, literature [2] concluded that there was no statistically significant impact of the WTO on its member's bilateral trade flows in fifty years (1948-1999).

Original: The authors of [4] used data on bilateral trade flows both before and after World War II to examine the impact of the GATT on trade between its members and on the system of interwar trade blocs.

Suggestion: Gowa & Kim [4] used data on bilateral trade flows both before and after World War II to examine the impact of the GATT on trade between its members and on the system of interwar trade blocs.

or

Previous study [4] used data on bilateral trade flows both before and after World War II to examine the impact of the GATT on trade between its members and on the system of interwar trade blocs.

Original: The authors in [5] used the dataset of [1] covering the period from 1950 to 2000 to investigate whether formal membership in the multilateral trading system had an effect on trade in the Asia-Pacific region.[1] The authors found, like the authors in [1],

[1] The countries included are Australia, Canada, Cambodia, Chile, China, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Japan, the Republic of Korea/South Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Mexico, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, the United States and Vietnam.

Suggestion: [1] represents the same as the first reference (work of Subramanian, A. and Wei (2007))? If not, you will need a new representation for the under notices.

Original:As a remedy, the author in [17] and [19] proposed a different model that could incorporate the advantages of the random-effects and the fixed-effects models.

Suggestion:As a remedy, advanced studies proposed a different model that could incorporate the advantages of the random-effects and the fixed-effects models [17] [19].

Referencing system remains the major drawback of this paper. Please remind the authors to check possible editing assistance from others, or re-read the entire paper and just bear in mind, the number in bracket was to represent the source of evidence, and can never be used as a subjective or an objective in the text.

Author's Feedback

The authors revised the paper as reviewer's suggestions!