

Opponent's Report on Dissertation Thesis

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a) Can you recognize an original contribution of the author?

All three essays in the Dissertation thesis make use of the latest advances in the meta-analysis approach, which addresses a recent replication crisis in the field of economics and finance. From this perspective, all three essays bring significant new knowledge to the field, both in terms of the methodological approach of meta-analysis, and in terms of thematic topics (e.g. the need to calibrate more precisely the values of the Armington elasticity in theoretical models).

b) Is the thesis based on relevant references?

Indeed, all of the references are relevant, up-to-date and published in respected journals.

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This thesis can easily be defended at any economics department in Slovakia or at the Institute of Economic Research of the Slovak Academy of Sciences.

d) Do the results of the thesis allow their publication in a respected economic journal?

All three essays are already published, in the top field journals (first in Journal of International Economics, the second in Journal of Economic Surveys, the third in International Review of Financial Analysis).


e) Are there any additional major comments on what should be improved?

I don't have any comments. The discussion in Chapter 5 is enlightening. I hope that new open questions will motivate the author to continue his research in the field of meta-analysis in the future.

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My overall assessment is:

“I recommend the thesis for defense without substantial changes”.

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