

Report on Bachelor Thesis

Institute of Economic Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University

Student:	Aneta Bošková
Advisor:	Mgr. Kateřina Chadimová
Title of the thesis:	Incentives for Blood Donation in the Czech Republic: Case Study of Prague

OVERALL ASSESSMENT (provided in English, Czech, or Slovak):

Please provide a short summary of the thesis, your assessment of each of the four key categories, and an overall evaluation and suggested questions for the discussion. The minimum length of the report is 300 words.

Short summary

Aneta wrote her thesis about a very interesting and relevant topic. In her thesis, she scrutinizes different incentives for blood donation on a unique sample of blood donors in Prague, the Czech Republic. She collected her own data for the thesis, cooperating with a blood transfusion station at Thomayer hospital. She concludes that financial incentives and small gifts can discourage some donors, while pharmacy vouchers have a slightly more favorable effect, and thus, she confirms the stated hypothesis of the possible crowding-out effect of financial incentives.

Contribution

I recognize the main contribution of Aneta's work in the current analysis of blood donors' attitudes towards selected incentives for blood donation. This data is unique as this is not standardly collected and published in the Czech Republic. Overall, Aneta's thesis has, apart from an academic one, also a practical application as the results might serve as valuable data for evidence-based health policy in the Czech republic.

Methods

Aneta collected her own data for the thesis, cooperating with a blood transfusion station at Thomayer hospital. To do so, she carefully designed her own questionnaire based on the search in the relevant literature. Consequently, she analyzes the collected data using appropriate methods, building four probit models. Moreover, she correctly discusses the possible limitations of her research.

Literature

The literature review is very up-to-date and broad. The thesis follows very recent papers and data, as well as classical papers in blood donation published earlier. The thesis demonstrates the author's full understanding and command of recent literature. Moreover, the author quotes relevant literature in a proper way.

Manuscript form

The text is well structured and written in good English. Tables' descriptions are full and the choice of variable names are clear. Figures are of high quality and well presented. The text effectively refers to graphs and tables and disposes with a complete bibliography. Overall, it is very easy and pleasant for a reader to read this thesis.

Overall evaluation and suggested questions for the discussion during the defense

Aneta invested a lot of effort in her thesis, working on it throughout the whole year. She was very independent in her work, but at the same time, she consulted with me regularly. In my view, Aneta did an excellent job, and the thesis fulfills the requirements for a bachelor thesis at IES FSV UK. The results of the Urkund analysis do not indicate significant text similarity with other available sources. I recommend the thesis for the defense and suggest a grade A.

I suggest the following question for the discussion during the defense:

Following up on the Discussion and Limitations chapter, specifically the issues of timing and inclusion of Prague region, how would you design a data collection to overcome these limitations?

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SUMMARY OF POINTS AWARDED (for details, see below):

CATEGORY	POINTS
<i>Contribution (max. 30 points)</i>	27
<i>Methods (max. 30 points)</i>	25
<i>Literature (max. 20 points)</i>	20
<i>Manuscript Form (max. 20 points)</i>	20
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	92
GRADE (A – B – C – D – E – F)	A

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Kateřina Chadimová*

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EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES AND SCALE:

CONTRIBUTION: *The author presents original ideas on the topic demonstrating critical thinking and ability to draw conclusions based on the knowledge of relevant theory and empirics. There is a distinct value added of the thesis.*

METHODS: *The tools used are relevant to the research question being investigated, and adequate to the author's level of studies. The thesis topic is comprehensively analyzed.*

LITERATURE REVIEW: *The thesis demonstrates author's full understanding and command of recent literature. The author quotes relevant literature in a proper way.*

MANUSCRIPT FORM: *The thesis is well structured. The student uses appropriate language and style, including academic format for graphs and tables. The text effectively refers to graphs and tables and disposes with a complete bibliography.*

Overall grading:

TOTAL	GRADE
91 – 100	A
81 - 90	B
71 - 80	C
61 – 70	D
51 – 60	E
0 – 50	F