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Course of defence: The first discussed question is contribution of the thesis, in terms of research question and the way how data were analyzed. The discussion later turned to an important limitation of the thesis, which is selection of model specification, and in particular why it is not scientifically appropriate approach to define variables and choose specification, based on whether they deliver relationships consistent with author's prior hypotheses. Another discussed issue was construction of the variables – why R&D costs were not adjusted for country size, unclear construction of human capital variable, etc. The committee also encouraged the author to pay more attention to manuscript form.

Result of defence: good
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