

# Opponent's Report on Dissertation Thesis

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Address the following questions in your report, please:

- a) Can you recognize an original contribution of the author?
- b) Is the thesis based on relevant references?
- c) Do the results of the thesis allow their publication in a respected economic journal?
- d) Are there any additional major comments on what should be improved?
- e) Were the comments raised at the pre-defense, addressed in the dissertation submitted to the regular defense?
- f) What is your overall assessment of the thesis? (a) I recommend the thesis to be defended without major changes; (b) The thesis is not defensible.

(Note: The report should be at least 2 pages long.)

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## Content of the Report:

As I have already said in my report for the pre-defense

- a) YES, the work is original. While well-grounded, it makes use of unique, often self-generated data to extend what has been known
- b) YES
- c) Some of it already has been published in a very respectable journal (Paper 1). The second paper is, in my opinion, the best in the thesis and should find an outlet in a good field journal although I doubt it will make it to a general-interest journal. The third may be the hardest to place but I do think it will find a home
- d) All of these were addressed in the revisions since the pre-defense
- e) YES
- f) The thesis is ready for final defense and all articles should be submitted to journals by the end of the year.

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