

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: AN ECONOMIC EVALUATION OF THE SERVICE SECTORS OF INDIA AND CHINA (1990-2025): STRUCTURAL TRANSFORMATION, PRODUCTIVITY DYNAMICS, SUB-SECTORAL LAGS, AND POLICY INFERENCES

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity		✓		
Significance		✓		

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Detailed Reviewer's Report

- The topic is relevant and interesting, with a useful comparison of India and China.
- The objectives of the study are clearly stated and generally match the research topic.
- The manuscript uses several useful methodologies, including KLEMS growth accounting, Cobb–Douglas analysis, shift-share analysis, and Baumol's Cost Disease model.
- The data sources should be explained more clearly, including the method used to harmonize Indian and Chinese data.
- The statistical methods and regression results need more detailed explanation and interpretation.
- The comparison of ten service sub-sectors provides useful information, but the definitions and data sources for each sector should be made consistent.
- Some conclusions are stated too strongly. The authors should distinguish between correlation and causal relationships.
- The policy recommendations are useful, but the basis for the proposed 2035 targets should be explained more clearly.
- The manuscript requires language, grammar, formatting, table, and figure corrections to improve readability.

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- **Overall recommendation: Minor Revision.** The study has good potential, but substantial revisions are required to improve data transparency, methodological clarity, statistical reliability, and presentation.