

Interactive comment on “The asymmetric impact of natural disasters on China’s bilateral trade” by Y. Meng et al.

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Dear Peijun Shi and Yongchang Meng,

two referees have now provided their reports on your work submitted to NHESS and entitled "The asymmetric impact of natural disasters on China's bilateral trade".

Both referees, albeit with differences in their opinion, suggest that the work is valuable and of potential interest to the journal. However, both referees have also raised questions that need to be addressed.

One reviewer (#1) raised a number of technical (statistical / mathematical / modelling) questions that need to be addressed thoroughly.

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Another reviewer (#2) also raised technical issues, and suggested that the results of your modelling work should be discussed in the context of other gravity model applications.

I urge you to consider carefully the comments and questions of the two referees.

From an editorial point of view, it is important that you clarify what is the scientific relevance and innovation of your work, and that you improve the quality and readability of the Figures. Please note that use of colours in NHESS does not have any additional cost, and may improve the readability of the figures. When preparing the figures, please consider the size of the text (labels, etc) that must remain easy to read at the expected final publication size for the figure.

Please check the correspondence between the citations in the text and the references listed in the list of references at the end of the paper. Please also check that the references follow the editorial standard used by the journal.

In view of the problems outlined by the two referees, and my own judgment of the paper, I have decided that a major revision of the manuscript and the accompanying materials is necessary. Please inform your co-authors of the editorial decision.

Together with the resubmission of your work, please be sure to submit a detailed list of the changes made and a list of your responses to the questions, comments and suggestions made by the two referees. Failure to provide this material will slow down the review process.

I look forward to receiving your revised work at your earliest convenience, but not later than 30 October 2015. Should you have problems meeting this deadline, please inform me or the editorial office.

Sincerely,

Fausto Guzzetti

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