



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

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Dear authors,

I have really enjoyed reading your paper since it is definitely well written and furthermore the description of the impact of disasters on trade is remarkable. However I’d like to see more effort in the econometric analysis since, currently, I have some remarks that could affect results of the paper and, lastly, reduce dramatically the novelty of the paper.

Here some comments that should be considered in a further revision of the paper:

i) It seems authors use simple cross-section analysis. Panel analysis has to be pre-

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ferred in this framework. ii) estimation by means of ordinary least squares in a log-log setting bias the results. iii) The change in sign in models (9) and (10) for importer's disaster variable might denote the presence of multicollinearity. iv) the estimated for China's disaster are not reported even though they are essential in the analysis. v) disasters are considered only in numbers but not in magnitude.

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