Paper: **"Effect of Trade Openness on Productivity in Cote d'Ivoire"**

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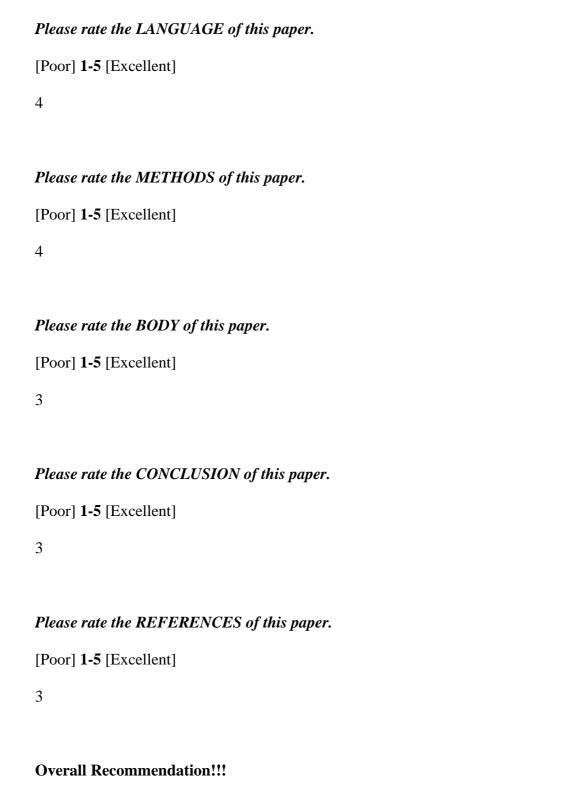
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The ABSTRACT clearly presents objects, methods, and results.

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The study METHODS are explained clearly.

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The body of the paper is clear and does not contain errors.

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The CONCLUSION or summary is accurate and supported by the content.

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The list of REFERENCES is comprehensive and appropriate.

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Overall Recommendation!!!

Accepted, minor revision needed

Comments and Suggestions to the Author(s):

Remove "technical progress" like dependable variable and only use "productivity".

Reviewer J:
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The title is in adequacy with the content and scope of this article.

The ABSTRACT clearly presents objects, methods, and results.

Without any doubt, the abstract submits the issue along with the objectives and results.

There are a few grammatical errors and spelling mistakes in this article.

The text presents a high linguistic level with very few grammatical errors or spelling mistakes

The study METHODS are explained clearly.

Section 3 of this article explains clearly the methodology, including a model specification, data and descriptive statistics, along with an estimation method.

The body of the paper is clear and does not contain errors.

This body of this paper clearly analyzes the effect of trade between Côte d'Ivoire and other African countries on productivity in Côte d'Ivoire. It also examines the effect of trade between Côte d'Ivoire and the rest of the world on productivity in Côte d'Ivoire. This country's exports to Africa have a positive effect on productivity. On the other hand, Côte d'Ivoire's imports from Africa have a negative effect on technical progress. The author also demonstrates that Côte d'Ivoire's imports from the rest of the world have a positive effect on technical progress. On the other hand, exports from Côte d'Ivoire to the rest of the world (outside Africa) have a negative effect on technical progress. In addition, human capital has a positive effect on total factor productivity.

The CONCLUSION or summary is accurate and supported by the content.

In conclusion, the author underlines that the implementation of the AfCFTA represents a real opportunity for Côte d'Ivoire to improve productivity. The local government must build its productivity improvement strategy by promoting manufacturing exports to African countries and outside Africa. Efforts should also be made to improve the quality of human capital.

The list of REFERENCES is comprehensive and appropriate.

The list of references contains important ad major resources. however, it would be useful to add more recent academic contributions.

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The author should use more recent academic resources through the content of the article and the list of references.

Reviewer L:
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The word analysis can be removed without any effect

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Adequately covered

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there are afew loose sentences e.g in the introduction ....."To compensate for low levels of domestic innovation, countries resort to imports and foreign direct investment to acquire modern foreign inventions. International trade plays an important role in the innovation and economic development process".
the two sentences seem disjointed. there is need to check for such.

The study METHODS are explained clearly.

"This study answers the following question: does trade openness between developing countries have the same effect on productivity as trade openness between developing and developed countries?"

The study is about CI v africa and CI v RoW and not about CI v developing country and CI v developed country
I do not see the justification for two models

The body of the paper is clear and does not contain errors.

In some instances the total factor productivity and productivity are used interchangeably
the body is clear

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Accurate and supported by content

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some cited works are not referenced eg WB 2017

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