



COMMENTS ON “EXPORTING, R&D INVESTMENT, AND PRODUCTIVITY: FIRM-LEVEL EVIDENCE FROM THAILAND”

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OVERVIEW:

- Use firm level panel data in Thailand between the years 2011-2018.
- R&D investment and being an exporter are associated with higher productivity.
- Provide details on firms' behavior in innovation activities.
 - More firms in the sample are engaging in organizational and marketing innovation.
 - Larger fraction of small firms without government supports innovates as compared to large firms with government.

COMMENTS:

- If possible, should consider R&D Spillovers Effect, other variables (management style, perspective).
- Would be interesting to see:
 - Descriptive statistics using R&D expenditure.
 - the impact of different types of innovation on productivity.
 - the successfulness of government programs.

MINOR COMMENTS:

- Explanation on variables used.
- A lot of information, need some reorganization.