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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	The paper undertakes an empirical analysis of economic convergence on a worldwide perspective. Results are similar to others previously presented in the literature. The main novelty of this paper is that it pursues an analysis of convergence that considers groups of countries with common economic interests. With the assumed groups, the results point to the absence of convergence. The paper is well structured, there is a relatively good knowledge of the related literature and, apparently, the authors master the empirical techniques they use to address the issue of convergence. The main weakness of the paper relates to the trivial conclusions it arrives to. It seems obvious that if we take the main blocks in our world we will not find evidence of convergence. Overall, I believe that the paper is sufficiently interesting to be considered for publication.	
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	- There are many typos and misuse of the English language (e.g., the recurrent use of the term incomes instead of income, where the singular is more appropriate; in the conclusion, line 526, 'it have' instead of 'it has'; ...). The paper should be subject to a last revision, perhaps by a native of an English speaking country, in order to eliminate these typos and errors.	



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