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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(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)</i>
Compulsory REVISION comments	This paper analyzes the changes in international trade structure and determinants of trade in Laos. Though the paper is fairly well written, there are typographical errors and many grammatical mistakes. The organization of the paper is good and the literature review is adequate. However, the contribution of the paper to the existing body of knowledge is somewhat significant given that there are no previous studies on this topic that focus on Laos. The methodology section of the paper is written well. However, the author has not explained well the meaning of some of the variables used. When presenting the results of the study in Tables 2 and 3, the author has not included any diagnostics statistics related to panel data estimation methods. There is no Table 1 in the paper. The dependent variable in models (2) and (3) is Trade Structure Change Index (TSCI). It is not clear whether the author has calculated TSCI for each country used in the study. Some of the references that are cited in the body of the paper are not listed under the references. For example, Kouaritsas (2006), Changhong (2013), Mundell (1975), Krugman (1991), Authai (2015), Zeng (2002), Helpman and Krugman (1985), Krugman and Venables (1985) and UNIDO (1979) are not listed under the references.	1. I added some literatures that focus on Laos, see high light lines 95-112. 2. Actually, I used hausman test to test whether fixed or random effects is appropriate, the results showed fixed effects model should be chosen, but I forgot to write it down in the manuscript. Now, I have added relevant contents, see high light lines 394-399, 448-453. Also, explanation of variables are added, see high light lines 315-345. 3. Dependent variables are explained more clearly, see high light lines 349-350, 390-393, 442-445 4. Reference are revised according to the contents, see high light lines 517-571. 5. I tried to compare the conclusions with previous studies, but after reading many new articles, there is still a lack of relevant studies about Laos trade structure. I added two conclusions of previous studies in the end, see high light lines 500, 505.



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	Similarly, majority of studies that are listed under the references are not cited in the body of the paper. For example, Hatemi-J and Irandoust (2005), Baltagi, Egger and Pfaffermayr (2003), Lai and Zhu (2004), Ju, Liu, Ma, Quin and Wei (2012), Zeng (2002), Angelos and George (2003), de Silva (2008), Baxter and Kouaritsas (2006), Bahmani-Oskooee and Ratha (2011), Khan and Hossain (2010), de Castro (2012), Phan and Jeong (2013), and Wu and Zhou (2006) are not listed under the references. The discussion of the results of the study is good. However, the author has not compared the finding of the study to that of previous studies. The manuscript does require some revisions.	
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<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	In Line 50, Anne et al (2009) should be changed to Disdier et al. (2009). In Line 53, Valerija Botric (2013) should be changed to Botric (2013). In Line 56, Shaista et al (2013) should be changed to Khan et al. (2013). In Line 61, Moses H. et al (2013) should be changed to Lubinga and Kiiza (2013). In Line 64, Juanho Baek (2013) should be changed to Baek (2013). In Line 72, Juanho Baek (2013) should be changed to Baek (2013). In Line 76, Christina Tay (2014) should be changed to Tay (2014). In Line 82, Christina Davis, Andreas Fuuchs, Kristina Johnson, Akoete Ega Agbodji should be changed to Davis, Fuchs, and Johnson (2014) and Agbodji (2008). In Line 84, Christina Davis, Andreas Fuuchs, and Kristina Johnson (2014) should be changed to Davis et al. (2014). In Line 88, Akoete Ega Agbodji (2008) should be changed to Agbodji (2008). In Line 120, the term quantity should be changed to number. In Line 130, the term artical should be changed to article. In Line 146, figure 1 should be changed to Figure 1.	
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