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1. Describe your research topic.

a. Description of the research problem and why it is important.

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Unclear and incomplete	Significant shortcomings in both clarity AND/OR completeness	Moderate shortcomings in both clarity AND/OR completeness	Minor shortcomings in both clarity AND/OR completeness	Clear and complete

b. Statement of the testable hypothesis.

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2. Describe the theoretical basis for your research

a. Brief overview of existing literature.

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b. Brief outline of the theoretical model.

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3. Describe the methodology used in testing your hypothesis.

a. Description of dataset(s), and the econometric models or analytical method.

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4. Describe your anticipated or preliminary results.

a. Brief description of anticipated or preliminary findings.

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5. Describe your conclusion.

a. Brief description of potential practical applications or the policy implications.

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6. Overall quality

a. Rate the overall quality of the submission

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Poor	Average	Good	Excellent	Outstanding