

**REVIEW  
ECONOMICS: MS 2528**

**Paper Title: Labour contracts and stepping-stone effect in Italy: a multinomial analysis**

MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS:

1. The topic of the paper is relevant, timely, and of interest to the audience it is intended.
2. The paper adds interesting empirical evidence to the body of knowledge related to labour contracts.
3. The research methodology for the study is appropriate and applied properly.
4. The results are supported by the content.
5. The paper is well organized.
6. The paper adequately cites the literature.
7. All figures and tables are appropriate and clearly presented.

MAJOR WEAKNESSES AND SUGGESTIONS:

1. The paper title is not strictly appropriate. The data set concerns only Emilia Romagna and a specific period of time: 2008-2012.
2. The abstract does not strictly reflect the content. The data set concerns only Emilia Romagna and a specific period of time: 2008-2012.
3. The purported contribution of the paper could be better stated in the Introduction.
4. In the Conclusions, implications and recommendations could be better developed.

MINOR WEAKNESSES AND SUGGESTIONS:

1. The paper is not always easy to read. The paper needs a professional editing assistance.

I would recommend publishing, but I suggest minor changes to the paper as specified in this review.