

The paper entitled “Carbon Emission Effect of Urbanization at Regional Level: Empirical Evidence from China” studies the impact of urbanization on carbon emissions utilizing a Dynamic Spatial Durbin Panel model. I think its contribution is enough to be published in Economics E-journal. There are several reasons for it.

1) The paper addresses an interesting and highly relevant phenomena. It is very meaningful to make clear the effect of urbanization on carbon emission from regional or continuous perspective. Thus the paper gives some important reference value for national and regional policy makers in the process of low-carbon urbanization and ultimately contribute to the achievement of world's sustainable development objectives.

2) The another main contribution of the manuscript is the application of Dynamic Spatial Durbin Panel Model in research area of CO<sub>2</sub> factors. Durbin Panel Data Models set up in this paper combines the advantages of panel data and spatial econometric approach in order to cover spatial and temporal characteristics as well as spatial effect.

3) Besides, the research has estimated and discussed city size distribution effects, which is innovative and meaningful. The important factor haven't be overlooked in the paper because compact cities might be more green because of shorter trip distances, on average.

However, there are a few parts need to be improved in the paper. 1) The underlying policy implications need to be more detailed. 2) In the literature review the author need to pay more attention to earlier work that looked at spillover effects and applied spatial models. Although there are a few deficiencies, in my opinion it shouldn't be rejected because of its much more advantages and contributions  
In short, I would recommend this paper for publication in Economics E-journal.