

Assessment: Two 1,000-word Referee Reports

Submission dates:

- Referee Report 1: Wednesday 17th of February (Week 6). 3.30pm.
- Referee Report 2: Wednesday 16th of March (Week 10). 3.30pm.

Please submit your referee reports electronically. The referee reports should not be longer than 1,000 words. (Please provide a word count!).

How to structure your referee reports?

- 1) Summarize the paper very briefly (no more than 4 sentences).

In the first part of the report you should summarise the paper's findings very briefly in about one paragraph. Don't just copy the abstract of the paper. Ideally you should explain the paper better than the abstract.

- 2) Outline the main methodological problems.

This is the most important part! Make sure that you are able to criticize the methodology and highlight why a particular identification strategy may be problematic. Ideally you would also suggest how the authors could improve on the methodology to address your concerns.

- 3) Summarize briefly some minor problems.

Which paper can you choose?

You should choose one of the two NBER working papers (the most renowned working paper series) posted on my website. I would advice not to choose the paper that you find the most interesting but the one which you can criticize most!