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Dr. Lise Patureau
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RE: MS #22149, "International Transport Costs: New Findings from Modeling Additive Costs"

Dear Dr. Patureau:

We regret that, on the basis of a screening by the editors and consultation with associate editors, we are unable to publish your manuscript. Currently, the *Review* is receiving about 900 manuscripts per year and we publish about 60 papers each year. Given the low acceptance rate, we typically reject over 70 percent of the articles without sending them out for reviews. The majority of those that we reject are capably executed and make some contribution to knowledge. However, in the editors' judgment, they lack sufficient originality, topical importance, and/or craftsmanship in execution and exposition to compete successfully for publication in the journal.

I am afraid that your paper falls into this category. Given a lower likelihood of eventual acceptance, it is our practice to reject some papers outright rather than submit them to referees. Our reason for this choice is to give the author the chance to pursue a more promising outlet for publication sooner.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to consider your work. I hope you keep the *Review* in mind as an outlet for your future research.

Sincerely,



Amit K. Khandelwal
for the Board of Editors