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JEA is entirely volunteer-based and, in this context, I encourage support in making it a high quality resource. Welcome to the *Journal of Economic Analysis*!

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