Supplementary TABLE 3 Comparison of DEA and SFA results

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| City | DEA | SFA | Spearman rank correlation(sig)  | Wilcoxon p value |
| Nanjing | 0.662 | 0.858  | 0.621 (0.023) | 0.807 |
| Wuxi | 1 | 0.957  |
| Xuzhou | 0.904 | 0.936  |
| Changzhou | 1 | 0.999  |
| Suzhou | 1 | 0.945  |
| Nantong | 1 | 0.858  |
| Lianyungang | 1 | 0.990  |
| Huaian | 0.698 | 0.807  |
| Yancheng | 0.795 | 0.816  |
| Yangzhou | 0.514 | 0.725  |
| Zhenjiang | 1 | 0.806  |
| Taizhou | 0.741 | 0.718  |
| Suqian | 0.978 | 0.881  |