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Titolo: Firm's labour share and within firm wage inequality: preliminary evidence

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This research project aims at empirically investigating at the firm level the association between the dispersion of earnings and the wage share, an issue which, to the best of our knowledge, has not been directly analysed in the empirical literature so far. To this end, exploiting the richness of the datasets available in Visitinps, we combine longitudinal microdata at the firm level with information on the remuneration of employees working in each firm, thus developing a very rich longitudinal employer-employee dataset. In detail, we use archives about the universe of private employees and collaborators linked with the firm's archive to compute indicators of within firm's earnings distribution and, then, we merge this employer-employee dataset with balance-sheet information provided by the commercial archive CERVED, available in VISITINPS from 1996. We will thus provide: i) original descriptive evidence of the correlation between different measures of wage inequality and the wage share at the firm-level both in the 1996-2018 period, obtained by proper estimation techniques; ii) estimates of the effect of the wage share on wage inequality obtained by using IV or machine learning techniques.