

Interactive comment on “Measuring and Characterizing Community Recovery to Earthquake: the Case of 2008 Wenchuan Earthquake, China” by Jie Liu et al.

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Dear Reviewer:

At first, we would like to express our great appreciation to you for your comments on our paper entitled "Measuring and Characterizing Community Recovery to Earthquake: the Case of 2008 Wenchuan Earthquake, China" (ID: nhess-2017-72). You have provided many valuable comments for us to modify our paper. These comments help us improve the quality of our paper, and made our paper more readable and clear. After reading these comments, we have realized the problems and deficiency of my manuscript, so we have revised my manuscript carefully and seriously according to your comments. The revised paper has been uploaded in the supplement file, and the

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added and revised sentences and paragraphs have been marked red in the revised paper. The specific modifications of my manuscript are listed in the following:

1) Thank very much for your comments about the grammatical errors of our paper. Because English is not our native language, there are many spelling and grammatical errors in our paper. With the help of you and an English-native expert, numerous errors in grammar and syntax had been corrected, and the language of our manuscript had been improved. For example: Page 2, line 70-76: we have changed "So policymakers have called for concerted efforts to build 'earthquake-resilience community' for the purpose of finding the new stable states and rebuilding a safer community in the historically experienced deleterious earthquake disasters (Alesch 2009)." into "So policymakers have called for concerted efforts to build 'earthquake-resilience community' for the purpose to find the new stable states and rebuilding a safer community in the historically experienced deleterious earthquake disasters (Alesch, 2009)." Page 2, line 84-89: we have changed "Recovery represents a fundamental dimension of disaster resilience, includes both the possibilities o return to normal, that is, pre-disaster condition, and alternatively, to be rebuilt or transformed to a completely different status." into "Recovery represents a fundamental dimension of disaster resilience, includes both the possibilities to return to normal, that is, pre-disaster condition, or alternatively, to be rebuilt or transformed to a completely different status." Page 2, line 114-116: we have changed "since the disaster was often seen as a failure of social structure (Bates and Gillis Peacock 1989). " into "...since the disaster is often seen as a failure of social structure (Bates and Gillis Peacock, 1989)." and so on.

2) We have tried our best to improve the manuscript and made some changes in the manuscript. These changes will not influence the content and framework of the paper. And the revised manuscript has been typeset according to the format of NHES, especially the references. For example, the text of our paper has been divided into two columns. And the formula has been numbered from (1) to (6). The first line of each paragraph has been indented by 2 characters. The format of references has been

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checked and corrected as the format of NHESS.

We appreciate for Editors (Thomas Thaler) and Reviewer's warm work earnestly, and hope that the correction will meet with approval. Once again, thanks very much for editors (Thomas Thaler) and the Reviewer's comments and suggestions.

Please also note the supplement to this comment:

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