Interactive comment on “Review article: Natural hazard risk assessments at the global scale” by Philip J. Ward et al.

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(1) In terms of the exposure of earthquake (line 426), some important progresses are neglected and strongly encouraged to be added.


(2) For the future studies on the changes (dynamics) of exposure at the global or regional scale, the deficiency on this topic for geological hazard will also be an interesting opportunity (line 705, section 4.2). For example, the changes in population exposure to earthquake hazard have revealed that urbanization and related migration played an important roles in increasing the number of vulnerable people to earthquake hazard in Asia (Dou et al., 2018) and in China (He et al., 2016; Huang et al., 2019). I believe that these progress would be important in the context of global urbanization and SDG11 (sustainable cities and communities).


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