

Interactive comment on “Mapping Individual Earthquake Preparedness in China” by Guochun Wu et al.

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Basically, this paper is interesting. Especially the questionnaire data from almost all the provinces of China, sample following the population structure, are valuable and one of the results that participation in public issues is positively related to preparedness is quite interesting even in the socio-political context of China. I think that this paper could be accepted with some minor revisions and that to make this paper better the followings should/could be revised: (1) the novelty of this paper is not necessarily clear even though it can be understood easily. Not only uniqueness of the data but the novelty of question(s) should be written more clearly in the introductory section in relation to the purpose of this paper. (2) The literature review is very much convenient for understanding the research trends, but it should be more focused on the topics directly

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related to the purpose of this paper. (3) For Fig. 3 and Fig. 4, it is better to use a choropleth map, not a chart map (bar chart). And, if possible, a brief explanation could be added in Section 3.1 (p.7) referring to Fig. 1. (4) It might be desired to put detail explanations in the discussion part, about why public participation is related to preparedness in the context of China, referring to some social theories. (5) Discussion of the paper's limitation should be moved to the concluding section.

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