

The revised manuscript “The Potential of Open-Access Data for Flood Estimations: Uncovering Inundation Hotspots in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, through a Normalized Flood Severity Index” explored the usability and reliability of flood models built on open-access data in regions where highly-resolved (geo) data are either unavailable or difficult to access. The findings are helpful to enhance the interpretation and trustworthiness of risk assessments and the approaches may be replicated in other coastal megacities around the world. My main comments and suggestions are listed below:

1. I suggest replacing some of the references published in earlier years and increasing the citation ratio of papers published in authoritative journals in the past 5 years.
2. I suggest some of the figures or tables in the manuscript could be removed to the supplementary materials and kept the most critical ones in the manuscript.
3. I suggest adding subheadings to the discussion section to make it easier to understand.
4. This study has concluded many advantages of using open-access data for flood estimations in diverse ways. I suggest complementing some potential disadvantages and plights faced and stating the directions of further research.
5. Some of the figures need to be modified to improve visibility, for example, enlarging or bold the texts in Figures 3b and 3c.