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Interactive comment on "The influence of a vegetated bar on channel-bend flow dynamics" by Sharon Bywater-Reyes et al.

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Dear authors,

we have received two reviews for your paper, both of which are detailed and comprehensive. From these reviews and my own reading of the manuscript, I think that currently the major short-coming lies in the statement of the research gap. Although you have given the objectives, it is currently unclear which open research question you trying to answer and how this fits into the existing literature. Both reviewers mention that you have overlooked relevant published papers. I suggest that you identify a research gap through a detailed literature review in the introduction and state it clearly together with the research question in the final paragraph of the introduction. The

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specific objectives should follow out of this research question. In the discussion and conclusion, you can pick up the question and objectives and place your new insights into the body of the existing literature.

The reviewers make a large number of other points, and there are open questions on methods, results and discussion. Please take all of these points seriously when revising the paper.

All the best and looking forward to your revised manuscript, Jens Turowski

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