

***Interactive comment on “Different coastal marsh sites reflect similar topographic conditions for bare patches and vegetation recovery” by Chen Wang et al.***

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This paper is generally well written, studied the topographical conditions determining the presence and revegetation of bare patches in three marsh sites with contrasting tidal range, sediment supply and plant species, respectively distributed in three countries. The introduction is detailed, the methodology is well described, the results are clearly described, and the discussion is well-founded and consistent with current knowledge of the subject. Even so, I suggest some minor changes that I detail below, which I hope would be useful to improve this paper. 1. The information about some materials and methods should be more detailed and clear in the abstract. 2. The Study area, Materials and data preprocessing, and Data analysis are too long, it's better to make them a bit more concise. 3. It's better to detail some of the implications of the results

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and some useful advice to the policy maker in the discussion. 4. I suggest to move some figures to the supporting information, as there are too many figures in the main text now.

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