

***Interactive comment on “Contributions of riverborne inorganic and organic matters to the benthic food web in the East China Sea as inferred from stable isotope ratios” by N. N. Chang et al.***

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We feel grateful for these very constructive comments from reviewer 2. These thoughtful opinions and insight have great help to the improvement of this manuscript. We have clearly defined the isotope ratios of riverborne organic matters based on reliable references in our revised manuscript. We also clarify the potential for the impacts of other food sources on the ECS benthic ecosystems. The interpretation of spatial variation in crustacean nitrogen isotope and the variability in consumers' carbon isotope were provided. We have made revise following the reviewer's suggestion. Please see the complete response in the attached file.

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