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Interactive comment on "Iodine-129 concentration in seawater near Fukushima before and after the accident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant" by T. Suzuki et al.

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We appreciate the constructive comments of the reviewer. Our responses and changes of this manuscript are detailed below.

1. We measured 127I concentration, so 129I/127I data also presented in Table 1.

2. We evaluated internal dose only via seafood (not all pathways). In addition, because annual dose limit defined the unit of Svyr-1, we evaluate internal dose via seafood with the highest value keeping for one year. Even if 129I concentration in the coastal area was higher than that in offshore area, the high concentration might not keep its concentration during a year. So we evaluate it to take worse case in account. So the



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sentence for conclusion in the Section 3.3 was changed like "we concluded that the internal dose from the ingestion of seafood is negligibly small".

3. Referee #1 also suggested that Fig. 4 was not clear and eliminated it. Fig. 4 in the new manuscript after the technical correction was eliminated.

4. Thank you for teaching us new paper. We compared data in Section 3.1.2., Fig. 1 and Fig.2.

5. We think also that it is nice to discuss the contribution of atmospheric and sea discharged 129I in this study area. There is no report about how much 129I released to air and sea from this accident at this time, it is difficult to discuss it at this time.

Please also note the supplement to this comment: http://www.biogeosciences-discuss.net/10/C761/2013/bgd-10-C761-2013supplement.zip

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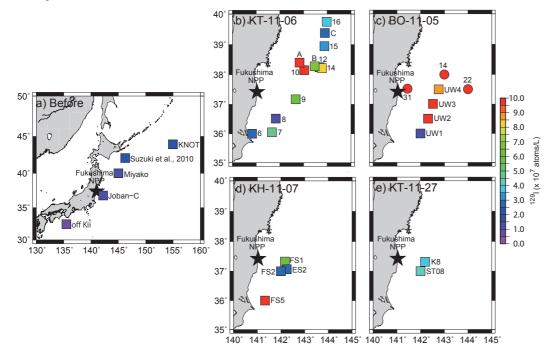


Fig. 1. Map of sampling locations and the result of surface 129I concentrations before the 1FNPP accident (a) and afterwards (b–e). After the accident, seawater sampling was undertaken during four cruises: b)

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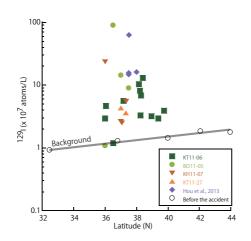


Fig. 2. 129I concentrations in surface seawater before and after the 1FNPP accident as a function of latitude. The dark green, light green, dark orange, and light orange symbols indicate cruises KT-11-06, BO-

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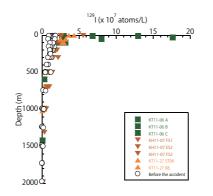
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Fig. 3. Depth profiles of 129I before and after the 1FNPP accident. The dark green, dark

orange, and light orange symbols indicate cruises KT-11-06, KH11-07, and KT-11-27, respec-