

Interactive comment on “TRANSFER OF RADIOCAESIUM FROM CONTAMINATED BOTTOM SEDIMENTS TO MARINE ORGANISMS THROUGH BENTHIC FOOD CHAIN IN POST-FUKUSHIMA AND POST-CHERNOBYL PERIODS” by Roman Bezhenar et al.

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Scientific significance: This is an inspiring paper which includes a dynamic pelagic food chain as well as benthic food chain. This is seldom seen in radioecology and hopefully opens up a world of new ideas in radioecology. At the same time it needs to maintain its connections to marine ecology, where the benthic and pelagic food webs have been studied for a long time. Thus it needs to be understandable both for radioecologist and marine ecologist, which can be difficult to achieve. Below are some comments how this can be improved. The presentation quality of paper is good, well written and

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structured, even if the connection between the two sites seem to be only the model and Cs. I don't see any discussion or comparison what the difference is between the sites, just examples. The scientific quality has a good appearance, but when looking closer to the supporting model and references the results are weak. There is simple to little data to support the modelling results (exemplified below) . Moreover the scientific nomenclature is not consistent with e.g. marine ecological nomenclature and exact description of e.g. species.

A PDF file attached with detailed comments

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