

## ***Interactive comment on “Seafloor observations at Campeche Knolls, southern Gulf of Mexico: coexistence of asphalt deposits, oil seepage, and gas venting” by Heiko Sahling et al.***

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Thank you for indicating that seafloor hazards due to the exploration program should be considered. We agree that additional geophysical data such as backscatter would help avoiding disturbance of the chemosynthetic communities. The information is available and part of an ongoing study to interpret the geophysical data. It is planned to publish these results in a follow-up publication.

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