This revised manuscript entitled "Characterizing the origin of excess dissolved organic carbon in coastal seawater using stable carbon isotope and light absorption characteristics" by Han, Hwang and Kim has been improved significantly, especially the Discussion. The comments and suggestions made by myself to the authors in the first-round review have been well addressed. I recommend this paper to be published in Biogeochemistry.

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