

Interactive comment on “Deep-sea search and recovery: with and without operating an underwater vehicle” by Tongwei Zhang et al.

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The authors describe the idea of creating a new deep sea recovery system based on a TV-grab. The work is presented well enough, with a sufficient English, but the proposed topic is not in line with Ocean Science aims. Furthermore, no experimental results are presented. The conclusions affirm that the proposed system is better than the other technologies taken into consideration (i.e. HOV / ROV), without demonstrating it. I do not understand what the authors mean on page 5, line 4: "To map the seafloor topography at the depths of several or even tens of kilometers....". Do the authors speak about depth or they are speaking about the surface of the investigated seabed? If they talk about depth it is a very serious mistake.

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