

Interactive comment on “The Dutch secret: safe drinking water without chlorine in the Netherlands” by P. W. M. H. Smeets et al.

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This paper is attractive and useful in the operation and management for the safe drinking water. I would like to provide some comments that the authors should evaluate.

1. As I know, Netherlands does not use chlorine in drinking water treatment is not a secret. Therefore, “The Dutch experience” is better than “The Dutch secret” in title.
2. This study demonstrated a successful experience of Netherlands. However, the operation of safe drinking water needed good water source and large land. Does this experience can be applied in other countries those have limited land?

3. This paper lacked the cost analysis. The cost analysis is an important role to assess the possibility of the Dutch experience for other countries.
4. How the Dutch experience provides a normal quality and quantity drinking water under extreme conditions such as typhoon and flood? This information will be useful to other countries.

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