Interactive comment on “First year of the new Arctic AWIPEV-COSYNA cabled Underwater Observatory in Kongsfjorden, Spitsbergen” by Philipp Fischer et al.

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I fully agreed with the comments of the other referee. I would just add the following. This manuscript is valuable to be published because, in addition to its quality, it demonstrates how observatories are highly relevant to lead new researches when there are based on the deployment of several kinds of platforms together, with a multidisciplinary approach integrating biology with the understanding of the physical environment. It demonstrates how the technical challenge to deploy a cabled observatory with profiling systems including video profiler systems can be successfully addressed.

I consider our research and our society would benefit a lot of this type of research and that our responsibility is to promote it and to express a strategy for its future use. Consequently i would recommend to add a specific paragraph at the end of the conclusion: next steps and needs.