Active fault mapping in central Omachi City, Nagano Prefecture, using high-resolution DEM

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We report the existence of a ca. 1-km-long NNW-trending trace of possible active fault in central Omachi City, Nagano Prefecture, revealed by geomorphic analysis using high-resolution digital elevation models from airborne LiDAR data issued by Geospatial Information Authority of Japan. Our evidence for this fault trace is (1) slope-direction anomaly in the fan of the Kashima River identified by detailed elevation contours, (2) east-side-up vertical displacement indicated by topographic profiles, and (3) bend of an abandoned channel near the fault trace. This fault trace possibly extends to the active fault trace to the south, because the amount of displacement becomes larger toward the south. This study is part of Sugito and Goto (in preparation). This work was supported by JSPS KAKENHI Grant Numbers 15K16285 and 16H03114.

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