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Dear Editor:

Herewith we would like to submit our revised manuscript HESS-2013-428R1

## Long-term precipitation forecast for drought relief using atmospheric circulation

## factors: a study on the Maharloo Basin in Iran

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to the special issue of "Drought forecasting and warning" in Hydrology and Earth System Sciences.

We sincerely appreciate the Editor for this favorable assessment of our manuscript. We have substantially revised the manuscript again in accordance with the reviewers' comments as detailed in the separated rebuttal file. A native English speaker has proofread the paper.

Best regards,

Yours Sincerely: Qiuwen Chen (on behalf)