

Interactive comment on “Improving simulation of soil moisture in China using a multiple meteorological forcing ensemble approach” by J.-G. Liu and Z.-H. Xie

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Dear Authors, Your paper has been evaluated by 2 anonymous reviewers. They gave a set of major and minor comments, and most of the minor comments, including the editorial comments, will be addressed, in your revision, as suggested in your reply. The major criticism, raised by both reviewers, was related to the quality of the four forcing data sets. As handling editor, I strongly support your suggestion (as suggested in both replies) to develop a detailed and quantitative comparison of these data sets. The quality of the description of this data set comparison in the revised version will be critical for accepting the paper in HESS. I look forward in receiving the revision of this

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manuscript. Sincerely yours,

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