

## ***Interactive comment on “Analysis of soil and vegetation patterns in semi-arid Mediterranean landscapes by way of a conceptual water balance model” by I. Portoghese et al.***

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The paper named "*Analysis of soil and vegetation patterns in semi-arid Mediterranean landscapes by way of a conceptual water balance model*" by I. Portoghese et al. deals with a topic of great interest for scope of the special issue that we are promoting on HESS.

Considering the comments of both referees, the work requires **Major Revisions**. In summary, the paper needs to be restructured, shortened and simplified. I want also to remark that both referees have underlined the need to use robust statistical tests to

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support model outcomes.

I want to remark the excellent work made by the referees that have provided constructive reviews to this paper that will be useful to re-organize its structure possibly improving its final quality.

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