

Interactive comment on “Numerical analysis of Richards’ problem for water penetration in unsaturated soils” by A. Barari et al.

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Dear Prof. Verhoest

The authors would like to state their greatest gratitude for your kind issues. Actually, there are no technical comments in the reviews. The authors believe that the main reason is that the kind reviewers are not familiar with the general and basic analytical methods such as Perturbation methods and Variational techniques. For instance, the kind reviewer 2, mentioned that the procedure of the methods, is not clear. Actually, authors of this article are some of most famous researchers of analytical methods and aware of capability of the mathematical methods. Of course, this article is not an introduction of the methods. The kind reviewer can get more information about basic

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During the last reviewing process, the reviewer 3 recommend the authors to present iterative methods in the references. It means that he/she was aware of the capability of the methods and the analytical methods used in the current research.

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Please also note the Supplement to this comment.

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