

Interactive comment on “Surface soil moisture estimates from AMSR-E observations over an arid area, Northwest China” by L. Wang et al.

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We would like to thank the referee for his or her thorough review and for all comments that will help us to improve the paper. The comments are particularly valuable given his or her deep knowledge of the subject of the paper. We will consider with particular care any additional suggestion that the referee may offer. We fully agree with all of the referee's comments and will improve our paper according to them. A revised manuscript will be uploaded in the Supplement.

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