

***Interactive comment on “Natural laws of precipitation, great cycle, infiltration overland and groundwater runoff with a new formulas” by A. Dj. Valjarevic and D. J. Valjarevic***

**Anonymous Referee #2**

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This response of the authors to the anonymous referee is unsatisfactory and unfortunate (especially the last paragraph).

To expect the average HESS reviewer/reader to be aware of work published in 1963 and 1986 in the Russian language is expecting too much. By the way the name of Ljovich is spelt as L'vovich in English, and this adds to the confusion. In addition, the authors are adopting certain language and concepts (e.g., their definition of permeable and impermeable terrain) that are misleading to the average HESS reader, who may interpret the same words differently. All the more reason for the reviewers to want to go back to the original work (how else to do this other than try Google), and for the

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authors to communicate better these concepts to the new audience that HESS readers represent.

It is the sole responsibility of the authors to introduce the gist of the work in a way that is intelligible to the average reader of HESS - this is what the reviewer is requesting, which I find perfectly reasonable. This is indeed a great opportunity for the authors to bring to the attention of readers of HESS work that has been previously obscure, but this requires considerable effort on their part.

Instead of dismissing the reviewer's serious concerns, the authors should take these comments to heart and find an honest way to communicate their paper better. Nothing less should be acceptable. I hope they would rise to this challenge.

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