

***Interactive comment on “Spatial variation of shallow and deep soil moisture in the semi-arid loess hilly area, China” by L. Yang et al.***

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Dear Dr. Yang,

Thank you for your submission “Spatial variation of shallow and deep soil moisture in the semi-arid loess hilly area, China” to our HESS special issue. Now we received three reviews for this work. Based on the reviews and my own reading, I believe this manuscript has great potential by reporting a novel soil moisture dataset, but it will benefit from a major revision. Specifically, I think two aspects deserve particular attention:

1) Grammar issues. The current version needs significant improvement in writing. 2) The data is novel but the analyses are too descriptive, which hinders strong conclusions

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from these valuable data.

Upon submission of your revised manuscript, please provide a response to reviewers' comments that lists each of the comments and describes how the manuscript has/has not been modified in response to those comments. Please relate to both general and specific comments made by the reviewers.

I look forward to a thoroughly revised version of this manuscript,

Yours sincerely, Lixin Wang

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