

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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We thank the editor for contribution and insightful comments on our manuscript.

Editor: Grammar issues. The current version needs significant improvement in writing.

Authors: Thanks for this suggestion, we have paid more attention to the problem and make efforts to improve the English. The revised paper will be polished by a native English speaker before submission.

Editor: The data is novel but the analyses are too descriptive, which hinder strong conclusions from these valuable data.

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Authors: We agree that more insight is needed regarding the relationships between SMC and environmental variables. Combined the suggestions of reviewers, canonical correspondence analysis will be implemented in revised manuscript.

Editor: 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.

Authors: We thank the reviewers and editor for their review of the manuscript and for the fruitful comments. We have gone through all the comments and will amend the original manuscript base on these comments and suggestions.

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