Interactive comment on “Analysis of soil and vegetation patterns in semi-arid Mediterranean landscapes by way of a conceptual water balance model” by I. Portoghese et al.

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The paper named "Analysis of soil and vegetation patterns in semi-arid Mediterranean landscapes by way of a conceptual water balance model" by I. Portoghese et al. deals with a topic of great interest for scope of the special issue that we are promoting on HESS.

Considering the comments of both referees, the work requires Major Revisions. In summary, the paper needs to be restructured, shortened and simplified. I want also to remark that both referees have underlined the need to use robust statistical tests to
support model outcomes.

I want to remark the excellent work made by the referees that have provided constructive reviews to this paper that will be useful to re-organize its structure possibly improving its final quality.

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