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 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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