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03-Mar-2020

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Date Sent: 03-Mar-2020

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Subject: Journal of Science and Technology - Decision on Manuscript ID JST-1939-2020.R1 (AA)

Body: 10-Apr-2020

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Reviewer(s)' Comments to Author:

Reviewer: 1 (with attachment)

Comments to the Corresponding Author

The paper needs minor English editing as highlighted in the proof.

Reviewer: 2 (with attachment)

Comments to the Corresponding Author

General comment:

This study gives a new sight into the innovation of soil moisture measurement.

Whole manuscript:

☐ The line numbers do not match the text. Very difficult when I want to mention the location of the sentence.

☐ Provide meaningful information in figures to make the readers easier to understand.

- Substance name.

- Describe the legends in detail.

☐ Too few references. Add information that supports your research.

Abstract:

☐ Please recheck the English. For example, in the first sentence in the second line of abstract, "sustainable". You should use "sustainability".

☐ To show the result of the study, you should use the past tense. In the sentence, "The best probe is 5 mm distance dual parallel probe". You have to change to be past tense.

Introduction:

☐ Every information/theory that states from other papers, books, or websites, please give the citations.

Material and Methods:

2.1 Design of Soil Moisture Probe

☐ You constructed and tested two types of probes (i.e. single parallel and double parallel) with two distances of probes (i.e. 3 mm and 5 mm)., what is the justification of choosing them (single and double parallel, also 3 mm and 5 mm)? If based on the previous study, please give the citations.

☐ Please give the abbreviation description in the caption of Figure 1.

3. Result and Discussion

3.1 The Single and Double Parallel Probes

☐ The first paragraph you state in this section is more relate if you put in methods.

☐ Please give better resolution for Figure 4.

☐ You have to explain the components of the measurement tool in Figure 5 in the caption. I suggest you to give symbols on the parts of components, then give the information on the caption.

4. Conclusions

☐ Don't use the first person subject, for example "we".

Reviewer: 3

Comments to the Corresponding Author

The English of paper is ambiguous or incorrect at some places, pls get it edited by language expert. Besides that, the language of paper is in active sentences (e.g : Page 17, Line 29: We took sand soil from coastal area in Empurancak Beach, Jepara, Central.....). Thus, the authors are advised to change it to the passive sentences.

Introduction: Pls cite some literature from previous research works pertaining to resistance-based sensors efficiency. Write in a comparative manner that what is new in your research which previously has not been addressed.

Material and Methods: Pls mention about IDE and code. The symbols given in the figures, have not been defined, Pls define the symbols. Please include the whole process of testing in the form of flow chart. Please mention about the statistical method used to interpret the results in this section.

Results and Discussion: This section presents results only and lacking discussion. Please discuss resemblances or differences of your study results with previous studies. Pls also include the legends of the curves.

Reviewer: 4

Comments to the Corresponding Author

- Method section should use past tense and passive sentence.

- Should do the soil texture analysis to confirm it is sandy soil and there is no significant soil texture variation (sand %) between the treatments.

- The conclusion of the experiment should mention the successful is only for the sandy soil.

Page 14,
line 15: sustainability
line 17: characteristics
line 20: low-cost
line 22: plate

Page 15,
Line 29: Unfortunately,

Page 16,
Line 10: laboratory-based
Line 15: have
Line 17: tension
Line 26: Transmissometry
Line 43: resistance-based

Page 17,
Line 17: and strength

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Line 12: Basically,
Line 17: probes

Page 20,
Line 39: seems
Line 44: volts
Line 47: sandy

Page 21,
Line 17: Generally,

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Body: 08-May-2020

Dear Dr. Sudarmaji,

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Reviewer(s)' Comments to Author:

Reviewer: 4

Comments to the Corresponding Author

Good innovation. Next time, better to include the soil texture analysis. So that, the researchers can have better insight for different soil texture or different sand percentage if they want to try to use this innovation.

Page 3 Line 25: Not all sustainable word should be changed to sustainability. Please check.

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Subject: Journal of Science and Technology - Decision on Manuscript ID JST-1939-2020.R3 - Copyright Agreement & Proof of Payment

Body: 14-May-2020

Dear Dr. Sudarmaji:

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