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## **Comment on essd-2021-105**

Qingxiang Li (Editor)

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Editor comment on "Daily standardized precipitation index with multiple time scale for monitoring water deficit across the mainland China from 1961 to 2018" by Qianfeng Wang et al., Earth Syst. Sci. Data Discuss., <https://doi.org/10.5194/essd-2021-105-EC1>, 2021

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Two reviews are in that both suggest the paper needs to be improved much.

However, we also feel that from a broader perspective, this is not a good fit for ESSD. Perhaps other research journals would be better suited to publish this manuscript. The reasons are :

- No new data are presented, already published data are rescaled.
- This paper is designed as a research paper, trying to asses increase/decrease of draught events, as outlined in the abstract.