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## **Reply on RC1**

Anonymous Referee #1

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Referee comment on "The geographical distribution of soil elements determines the boundaries of the Daodi-zone of medicinal plant (*Ligusticum chuanxiong* Hort.)" by Hongyang Lv et al., SOIL Discuss., <https://doi.org/10.5194/soil-2021-37-RC2>, 2021

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I forgot to mention that this study also has methodological issues. Soil and plant samples were collected across the study region but at a single latitude. This sampling design (a 1D line design) is not appropriate to define a high production area (Daodi zone) for the plant species examined, which (from the title) was a major objective of the study.