**Interactive comment on** “Influencing factors and development patterns of cracking–sliding failure of loess in China” by Jiarui Mao et al.

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This manuscript presents an extensive list of factors and patterns of failures that occur in loess across the Chinese loess plateau. The manuscript is well organized and highly legible. I recommend its publication as it provides a rare and an effective summary of a frequent geohazard over a very large area, affecting lives of a significant human population.