

## ***Interactive comment on “Should oasisification be ignored when examining desertification in Northwest China?” by Dongwei Gui et al.***

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Much appreciate reviewer's comment. 1. The reviewer think our paper "The objectives are too broad", actually, we did this on purpose. We want to emphasize the importance of oasisification research, we also want to call for more scientists to focus on oasisification. Thus we hope this paper more broad rather than narrow, that is, it is an opinion paper not an case study. Our purpose is to let more scientists understand oasisification and its importance. 2. In the model equation, actually it is a conception model and just tell readers one direction, there are still lots work to do, and it is also difficult to provide a model can be used in everywhere. 3. For land degradation research scientists, especially focus on land degradation in arid area, we think the idea in this paper is easy understand, oasisification is one easy conception. 4. All figures in this paper

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either support our opinion or introduce the situation of oasis/oasisification.

The reviewer think the main problem in this paper is "too broad" or "too vague", actually, as an opinion paper, a logic paper, an conception paper, we believe many scientist don't understand if they don't familiar this research field, however we also believe many scientist will understand its logical, especially figure 2. We think research logic is very important, begining from oasisification to research land degradation is more suitable than begining from desertification, this our core logic. We hope editor can support our opinion.

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