

## ***Interactive comment on “Spatial characteristics analysis of drought disasters in North China during the Ming and Qing Dynasties” by S. Bi et al.***

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The authors perform a spatial analysis of the variability of drought disasters throughout China. They use a EOF analysis explaining the spatial every EOF map.

1) The authors should add figures with time-series of the most relevant principal components (e.g. the leading 5) i.e. projections of the drought intensity fields into the EOFs and then discuss them.

2) There are many typos and syntactic errors that must be corrected. Some examples are:

a) space models → space modes

b) line 32 and 33 (pg 11) The phrase is incomplete.

c) line 1 (pg 12) law → low

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The authors should improve considerably the english text.

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