

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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