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

Anonymous Referee #2

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Dear Editor,

1. the abstract need major revision. the objectives are too broad. the author need to focus on one of the points as stated in the manuscript rather than focus on all-three aspect. build up the idea of the equation and focus to one specific point. a review paper is better suited to summarize if the author choose to focus on 3 aspect at once. 2. in the model equation, many variables put in place are highly open for discussion, thus not conclusive. 3. introduction is acceptable, with minor revision. 4. results and discussion are too vague. difficult to understand the focus of the oasification study as suggested by the author. 5. figures are not supportive of the discussion/idea of improvement for oasification research. 6. the flow chart is still at initial stage of development, thus need further clarification on the flow. 5. the conclusion too long and not focused.

unfortunately, the manuscript is rejected.