Interactive comment on “Should oasification 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 prupose. We want to emphersize the importance of oasification research, we also want to call for more scientists to focus on oasification. 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 oasification 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 everewhere. 3. For land degradation research scientists, especially focus on land degradation in arid area, we think the idea in this paper is easy understand, oasification is one easy conception. 4. All figures in this paper
either support our opinion or introduce the situation of oasis/oasification.

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 oasification to research land degradation is more suitalbe than begining from desertification, this our core logic. We hope editor can support our opinion.