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Interactive comment on "Climate patterns in north central China during the last 1800 yr and its possible driving force" by L. Tan et al.

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Dear authors

We have received three reviews of your paper. I think that the work needed to improve it is not too important.

Ref#1 (A. Mangini) is very positive about the paper. His only recommendation is to develop your PCA approach. I think also that you have been too rapid in this part.

Ref#2 is also very positive. One comment is also about PCA. Second comment is about Fig.5 where there is some dissimilarities which should be discussed. The last comment is about the absence of Gleissberg and de-Vries cycles. These comments are founded and need some discussions.

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Ref#3 is less positive and ask a major revision. You should take into account the four points raised and proposes either corrections or rebuttal of the arguments.

We are waiting in your early convenience a corrected manuscript and a cover letter where your answer to the reviewers and where you indicate what changes you have done in the ms.

With my best regards

J Guiot

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