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Interactive comment on "Late Cenozoic continuous aridification in the western Qaidam Basin: evidence from sporopollen records" by Y. F. Miao et al.

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Dear Editor and reviewers.

Thank you very much for your valuable and encouraging comments to revise and resubmit our paper [Late Cenozoic continuous aridification in the western Qaidam Basin: evidence from sporopollen records]. We have completely revised the paper and hope that it meets with your and reviewers' approval. We followed most of the reviewers' suggestions. Our responses to the reviewers' comments are underlined. Six new figures are added into the revision in order to clearly define our compiled data and driving mechanism. The language of our manuscript was also helped to be improved by

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GeoEditing Company (a UK company specialising in English language editing). Here we show every correction after our revision as "revised manuscript" in order to easily identify the places of change. Line numbers as remarked by the reviewers in the original manuscript are named firstly. Line numbers named in our comments to the reviewers' remarks refer to the revised manuscript. Thank you again for re-considering this manuscript.

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| Sincerely, | |