

Interactive comment on “Reassessing long-term drought risk and societal impacts in Shenyang, Liaoning province, Northeast China (CE 1200–2015)” by LingYun Tang et al.

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We greatly appreciate the detailed comments provided by the reviewer and are happy to address these within the revisions. It is greatly appreciated that the reviewer recognises the rigorous manner of the data analysis and approaches applied and the value of the work to the discipline. We value the recognition of the work undertaken in the latter period, and will add further materials and analysis as requested concerning the earlier phase, however we were conscious of the recommended length in the production of the manuscript, which restricted some of the discussion (pt1). Therefore we would be happy to expand this further in adding further discussion of droughts through

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the period 1200-1906 (pt3), this will justify retaining the title as presently stated (pt2). We are happy to add additional information to address and clarify the concerns relating to point 3. We note the authors concerns relating to the paper being too 'deterministic' (pt 4), we fully agree with this and discuss throughout the paper that socio-political and cultural influences which differ over the timeframe of the study are crucial in such analysis (lines 350-359; 521-527). We propose to split figure 6 as suggested for the revised version of the manuscript.

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