

## ***Interactive comment on “Aerosols optical and physical characteristics and direct radiative forcing during a “Shamal” dust storm, a case study” by T. M. Saeed et al.***

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Sensing, 41(10): 2386-2391, 2003, doi: 10.1109/TGRS.2003.817189” has been added in the Introduction of the revised manuscript.

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