

Interactive comment on “Effect of ecological restoration programs on dust pollution in North China Plain: a case study” by Xin Long et al.

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This manuscript provides a case study of changed landuse fraction on the dust storm over Northern China. Its method is straightforward and easy to understand. My main concern is whether the single case study of 5 days is sufficient for the climatological pattern shift of dust storm as the paper title states. The authors may consider study more cases for more years. For instance, this single case shows that the dust storms strength became weaker after changing its landuse. How about the frequency of the dust storm occurrence for one or more year? It would be better to add more convincing cases.

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