

## ***Interactive comment on “An analyses of long-term precipitation variability based on entropy over Xinjiang, northwestern China” by C. Zhao et al.***

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The authors cover a very interesting topic that obviously has a potential. However the presentation suffers from substandard English (so that some statements remain unclear and/or imprecise), proper (explicit) connection of their work to earlier studies (Mishra et al 2009) (and using quotes in case of direct citation), and many methodological deficiencies identified by Referees. Taking into account the way the Referees' comments were answered (in my view, insufficiently), there is certain concern that the revised paper would satisfy the high standards of this Journal. So if the authors intend to submit a revision, it is strongly suggested that they: 1) improve English and presentation 2) present the answers (rebuttal) to Referees' comments with detailed

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explanations, details of how exactly the manuscript was changed to reflect a given comment, with relevant citations from the revised version (in color, for clarity)

The authors are also invited to review other papers and the Interactive discussions to maybe better understand the adopted practice, format and style of rebuttals.

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