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Gong Zhe did a research by using different remote sensing facilities on examining the variation of land degradation, that threats to biodiversity, human health, and food production, in inner Mongolian grassland. She compared the efficacy and accuracy of using the remote sensors, including the EMD method, as compared with the conventional analytical instruments. The thesis included 7 chapers: General instroduction; Grassland phenology dynamics using long term NDVI data; Land use and land over change; Grassland phenology dynamics using moderate term data; Methodology improvement for detecting NDVI trend using EMD method; Estimation of herbage biomass and nutrient using band depth features; General discussion. All chapers are well structured with professional English and concrete data, collted over 30 years (1983-2014). It was observed that during 1993-203, the inner Mongolian grasland was degradated significantly. However, the vegetation increase was found in recent decade, especially in the desert steppe. By this research, band depth index derived from hypserpectral data is appropriate for estimating pasture parameters in low vegetation over area. Data from this research have been published in 2 international scientific journals (registered in Web of Science) as the first author. She also has a paper published as the co-author, in an international scientific journal at similar level.

After carefully examining the dissertation, the judging committee agree that Gong Zhe deserves to be awarded as a Ph.D of Agriculture.