

Subject: Re: AIP Advances MS #ADV18-AR-03604 Decision Letter
From: Patrick Frank <pfrank@slac.stanford.edu>
Date: 1/4/19, 7:31 PM
To: AIP Advances Editorial Office <aipadveo@aip.org>
CC: vhc2@psu.edu, aipadv-edoffice@aip.org

Dear Ms. Zielinski,

The manuscript study concerns physical error analysis and nothing else.

There is not a physicist in the world who is unfamiliar with that subject matter.

The editorial reassignments might have consumed two weeks; 50 days is not credible.

My referee list included six qualified scientists.

In sum, your explanation is not believable.

My now multifold experience is that journal editors take any pretext to escape publication.

I submitted to AIP Advances in the hope that physicists had the courage to be a scientist.

To publish scientific truth in the face of political power, if you like.

But evidently not.

Their betrayal of science is sickening.

Yours,

Pat

On 1/4/19 10:39 AM, AIP Advances Editorial Office wrote:

Dear Dr. Frank,

Thank you for your message and apologies for the delays you experienced in peer review as well as any confusion caused by our correspondence explaining the delay. Your paper was originally assigned to a Deputy Editor (DE) who was insufficiently familiar with the subject matter and requested it be reassigned. The paper was reassigned to DE Tanaka, who then assigned an Associate Editor (AE) per standard protocol to assign referees. The AE requested to be withdrawn as AE because he was also insufficiently familiar with the subject matter. In response to the AE's comments regarding the subject matter, the DE requested that the Peer Review Manager move the paper to the decision-making stage so that the paper could be declined for being outside of the scope of AIP Advances. At this time, I sent the status update indicating that your paper had completed review. I believed this to be the case because the paper was in the decision-making stage, but I was incorrect. Apologies for any confusion or concern caused. Your paper was not reviewed by a peer referee but was instead declined because the editors found that it was beyond the scope of the journal's subject matter and the expertise of the available editors and referee pool.

Please let me know if you have any further questions at this time. Otherwise, thank you again for submitting your work to AIP Advances.

Best wishes,

Nikki Zielinski, Editorial Assistant

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Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2019 7:15:08 PM
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Dear Dr. Tanaka,

As a follow-up, please send me the completed reviews

The 31 Decembr 2018 email from Ms. Nikki Zielinski related that, "Your manuscript has now completed peer review and is simply awaiting final editorial review before posting the decision."

I request copies of all the reviewer comments, as per the standard journal protocol following submission and review.

Thank-you very much,

Pat

On 1/1/19 11:39 AM, aipadv-edoffice@aip.org wrote:

Dear Dr. Frank,

Your manuscript, referenced below, has been considered for publication in AIP Advances:

"Propagation of Error and the Reliability of Global Air Temperature Projections"

Unfortunately, this manuscript does not fall under the range of topics that are covered by AIP Advances, which focuses on the applied physical sciences. We recommend that you consider submission to a more appropriate journal.

If you have any questions, please contact us at aipadv-edoffice@aip.org.

Sincerely,

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