Subject: Re: AIP Advances MS #ADV18-AR-03604 Decision Letter

From: AIP Advances Editorial Office <aipadveo@aip.org>

**Date:** 1/6/19, 11:15 AM

To: Patrick Frank <pfrank@slac.stanford.edu>

CC: "vhc2@psu.edu" <vhc2@psu.edu>, AIP Advances Editorial Office <aipadveo@aip.org>

Dear Dr. Frank,

Thank you for your response. If you have any further questions at this time, please let us

Best wishes,

Nikki Zielinski, Editorial Assistant

AIP Advances Editorial Office aipadv-edoffice@aip.org

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From: Patrick Frank

Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 10:01 PM

To: AIP Advances Editorial Office

Subject: Re: AIP Advances MS #ADV18-AR-03604 Decision Letter

Dear Ms. Zielinski,

Just to make things completely clear:

It's not that Dr. Tanaka and the rest lacked expertise.

It's that they feared having their names attached to a publication showing that climate models are predictively useless.

They feared the inevitable consequences of publication — attempted professional character assassination by the likes of Michael Mann, Gavin Schmidt, and all the rest of the climate-science elite, along with the attack-dogs of the Climate Action Network.

So they betrayed their integrity, betrayed physics, and fled the connection.

Valid science is an impregnable defense. But none of your editors have the courage to mount that rampart.

Yours,

Pat

On 1/4/19 10:39 AM, AIP Advances Editorial Office wrote: Dear Dr. Frank,

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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 The AE requested to be withdrawn as AE because he was also insufficiently familiar with the subject matter.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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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 <a href="mailto:aipadv-edoffice@aip.org">aipadv-edoffice@aip.org</a>.

Sincerely,

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