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**Subject:** Re: Journal of Forecasting - Decision on Manuscript ID FOR-17-0244  
**Date:** April 7, 2018 at 12:54 PM  
**To:** p.young@lancaster.ac.uk  
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Dear Prof. Young,

Thank-you for your email.

Climate and Meteorological journals have a profound conflict of interest with my manuscript.

Climate journal editors have taken any pretext to decline submission or reject publication.

My cover letter made that conflict clear. In that light, your suggestion to again submit there is very difficult to reconcile or understand.

The audience for the published article would extend far beyond the usual JoF readership. I should have thought you would allow for that, and indeed to regard it positively.

Highly suspect climate modeling is being used to abuse economies, divert huge resources, and has caused multiple unnecessary deaths including in the UK.

Given those pernicious impacts, it would seem to me you would have an interest to see beyond the narrow focus of convention and journal audience.

The analysis is certainly correct. Climate models have no predictive value. By all evidence, climatology journal editors will not publish a manuscript demonstrating that case.

Honestly, your response is beyond comprehension.

Yours sincerely,

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These things are, we conjecture, like the truth;

But as for certain truth, no one has known it.

Xenophanes, 570-500 BCE

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On Apr 6, 2018, at 8:11 AM, Journal of Forecasting <onbehalf@manuscriptcentral.com> wrote:

06-Apr-2018

Dear Dr Frank,

I write regarding Manuscript ID FOR-17-0244 entitled "Propagation of Error and the Reliability of Global Air Temperature Projections" which you submitted to Journal of Forecasting.

In view of the comments of the referee(s) found at the bottom of this letter, your manuscript has been declined for publication in Journal of Forecasting. On the basis of his review, I decided that, since I am myself interested in climate forecasting, I should look at the paper myself. I am afraid that I have to agree with him that your paper is more suitable for a climate or meteorological journal and would need to be shortened and modified considerably for the JOF audience. I hasten to add that this is a question of suitability and not necessarily any reflection on the technical merit of the paper.

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Thank you for considering Journal of Forecasting for the publication of your article. I hope the outcome of this specific submission will not discourage you from submitting future manuscripts.

Yours sincerely

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