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Dear Dr. Hoch,

As the ethics editor of PLoS One, I am requesting and hoping you can rectify an on-going and grave infraction regarding the submission PONE-D-18-14400; case 05879497.

This manuscript is the first ever to deal with physical error analysis applied to climate models and their global air temperature projections. For that reason, it is very controversial.

Any scientist invested in the consensus position on climate change, and most especially in climate modeling, will have a serious and adversarial conflict of interest with both the analysis and the conclusions of the study.

Despite my request that it not be assigned to a climate modeler, PLoS One nevertheless assigned the manuscript to Dr. Juan Añel.

Dr. Añel is deeply invested in the consensus position and in climate modeling

According to PLoS One ethical standards, Dr. Añel should very clearly have recused himself but did not.

Dr. Añel then rejected the manuscript.

Dr. Añel's editorial review proved to be incompetent and without critical merit.

Please see my attached point-by-point response. It establishes this case beyond any cause for doubt.

My appeal to PLoS on these bases was rejected on no substantive grounds whatsoever.

PLoS One has explicitly relevant ethical standards. These were referenced in my appeal.

However, PLoS One is presently in violation of its own standards.

I have appealed directly to Dr. Heber, but he has not replied.

Dr. Hoch, you are my last hope for honesty of treatment from PLoS One on the matter of ethics and scientific integrity.

Thank-you very much for your consideration,

Pat

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