

May 9, 2018  
Dear Dr Ward,

Thank you for submitting your manuscript entitled "Greenhouse gases cannot physically cause observed global warming—they absorb only spectral lines, not the required heat". Regretfully, we cannot publish it in Nature Communications.

It is our policy to decline a substantial proportion of manuscripts without sending them to referees so that they may be sent elsewhere without further delay. Such decisions are made by the editorial staff when it appears that papers do not meet the criteria for publication in Nature Communications. These editorial judgments are based on such considerations as the degree of support for claims made and novelty of the claims in relation to the existing literature.

In this case, while we find your theory interesting, I am afraid many of your claims have already been published and broadcast in other forms of media, undermining their novelty. Furthermore, in order to refute such a longstanding and widely accepted concept, a sufficiently compelling alternative explanation is required, which we unfortunately find lacking in the current work.

I am sorry that we cannot be more positive on this occasion and thank you for the opportunity to consider your work. I wish you all the best in attaining publication elsewhere.

Best regards,  
Dr Lewis Collins  
Senior Editor  
Nature Communications