--- On Mon, 5/10/10, JCLIM CEA < jclim@me.com> wrote:

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Subject: Re: JCLIM Editor reply to author response to review

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Dear Dr. O'Donnell,

Thank you for once again sharing your concerns about the review process. Please bear in mind that the Editor serves as the ultimate arbiter of any conflicts of the type you are anticipating. There is a difference between being asked to respond to the criticisms contained in a review and being required to agree with them or act on them. If you feel a particular criticism is unjustified you can respond accordingly.

As to your question about major vs. minor revisions, let me elaborate further. Sometimes reviewers explicitly indicate whether they consider the required revisions to be major or minor, but often they do not. In such cases the judgment of the Editor must be used to interpret the review. Rev. B stated that "It seems likely that the manuscript will be acceptable for publication once issues raised in review are resolved." Because of the conditional wording of this statement and Rev. B's recommendation that the most important parts of the supporting material be incorporated into the manuscript, my judgment is that the required revisions are major.

Sincerely, Tony Broccoli