**Interactive comment on** “Characteristics of Global Oceanic Rossby Wave and Mesoscale Eddies Propagation from Multiple Datasets Analysis” *by* Yunfan Zhang et al.

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Dear Dr. Zhang and co-authors,

as you have seen, Referee #1 has raised a fundamental objection to the lack of clarity in the analytical separation between Rossby waves and eddies, while Referee #2 also objects to the state of the writing. Based on these reviews, I’m very sorry to say that we are rejecting your paper for publication.

You may either formally withdraw the paper at this point, or alternatively we will terminate the review process after the Discussion period ends in January (note that I will be offline and unable to respond from December 17 until January 2).
Again, I’m sorry to deliver this decision. I wish you well with your work.

Sincerely yours, –Matthew Hecht

PS: an approach you might wish to consider in the future, in order to address the difficult problem of delivering a technical paper in fluent English, would be to invite one native English speaker as coauthor. In this case, the objection raised to the lack of unambiguous separation between RW’s and eddies might still have been problematic.