**Interactive comment on** “Experimental and diagnostic protocol for the physical component of the CMIP6 Ocean Model Intercomparison Project (OMIP)” by Stephen M. Griffies et al.

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There is an inconsistency in the requested shape of variables hfx and hfy: In table 3 the requested shape is XYZ indicating a 3D array but in the text describing the variables you say “We follow CMIP5 in requesting the vertically integrated x-ward and y-ward heat transport from all ocean processes.”

From our perspective (using NEMO) I think either is possible but it would require a small amount of effort to change the code to output 3D fields instead of 2D depth integrated fields.

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