

1 Flux variations and vertical distributions of siliceous Rhizaria (Radiolaria and  
2 Phaeodaria) in the western Arctic Ocean: indices of environmental changes

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## 23 **Abstract**

24 The vertical distribution of radiolarians was investigated using a vertical multiple  
25 plankton sampler (100–0, 250–100, 500–250 and 1,000–500 m water depths, 62 µm  
26 mesh size) at the Northwind Abyssal Plain and southwestern Canada Basin in  
27 September 2013. To investigate seasonal variations in the flux of radiolarians in relation  
28 to sea-ice and water masses, a time series sediment trap system was moored at Station  
29 NAP (75°00'N, 162°00'W, bottom depth 1,975 m) in the western Arctic Ocean during  
30 October 2010–September 2012. We monitored species abundance changes in the  
31 fourteen most abundant radiolarian taxa, and how they related to the vertical  
32 hydrographic structure in the western Arctic Ocean. The radiolarian flux was  
33 comparable to that in the North Pacific Ocean. *Amphimelissa setosa* was dominant

1 during the season with open water as well as at the beginning and at the end of the  
2 seasons with sea ice cover. Cold and well mixed water mass based on summer ice edge  
3 seemed to be essential for high reproduction and growth of *A. setosa*. Our data indicate  
4 that *A. setosa* might have a three months life cycle. During the sea-ice cover season,  
5 however, oligotrophic and cold-water tolerant actinommids were dominant, productivity  
6 of radiolaria was lower, and species diversity was greater. This might be associated with  
7 the seasonal increase of solar radiation stimulating the growth of algae on the ice and  
8 other phytoplankton species under the sea-ice, upon which the actinommids can feed on.  
9 This evidence suggests that the dynamics of sea-ice are a major factor affecting the  
10 general biological productivity, distribution, and composition as demonstrated in the  
11 radiolarian fauna.

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13 Keywords: Radiolarians, Western Arctic Ocean, Sea-ice, Beaufort Gyre, Sediment trap

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## 15 **1. Introduction**

16 In recent years, summer sea-ice extent in the Arctic Ocean has decreased rapidly due  
17 to global climate change (Stroeve et al., 2007, 2012). The sea-ice in the Arctic Ocean  
18 reached its minimum extent in September 2012 since the beginning of satellite  
19 observation (NSIDC, 2012). The most remarkable sea-ice decrease was observed in the  
20 western Arctic Ocean, on the Pacific side (Shimada et al., 2006; Comiso et al., 2008;  
21 Markus et al., 2009). In the western Arctic Ocean, the advection of warm North Pacific  
22 water through the Bering Strait contributes to both sea-ice melt in summer and an  
23 inhibition of sea-ice formation during winter (Shimada et al., 2006; Itoh et al., 2013).

24 Biological CO<sub>2</sub> absorption is an important carbon sink in the ice-free regions of the  
25 Arctic Ocean (Bates et al., 2006; Bates and Mathis, 2009). Melting of sea-ice can both  
26 enhance and reduce the efficiency of the biological pump in the Arctic Ocean,  
27 depending on ocean circulation (Nishino et al., 2011). The Beaufort High, a  
28 high-pressure system over the Canada Basin in the Arctic Ocean, drives the sea-ice and  
29 the water masses anticyclonically, as the Beaufort Gyre (Fig. 1). In the Canada Basin,  
30 the Beaufort Gyre governs the upper ocean circulation (Proshutinsky et al., 2002), and it  
31 has strengthened recently due to the decreasing sea-ice (Shimada et al. 2006; Yang  
32 2009). Melting of sea ice reduce the efficiency of the biological pump within the  
33 Beaufort Gyre because of deepening of the nutricline caused by freshwater

1 accumulation within the gyre (Nishino et al., 2011). Conversely, the efficiency of the  
2 biological pump is enhanced outside the gyre because of nutrient supply from shelves  
3 and improved light penetration (Nishino et al., 2011).

4 Particle flux plays an important role in the carbon export (Francois et al., 2002).  
5 Based on sediment trap samples from the Canada Basin and Chukchi Rise, Honjo et al.  
6 (2010) found that the annual average of sinking particle flux was three orders of  
7 magnitude smaller than that in epipelagic areas where the particle flux was the main  
8 mechanism for carbon export to greater depths. However, Arrigo et al. (2012) observed  
9 a massive algal biomass beneath fully consolidated pack ice far from the ice edge in the  
10 Chukchi Sea during the summer, and suggested that a thinning ice cover increased light  
11 transmission under the ice and allowed blooming of algae. Boetius et al. (2013) also  
12 reported that the algal biomass released from the melting ice in the Arctic Ocean was  
13 widely deposited at the sea floor in the summer of 2012. Therefore, it is inferred that  
14 biomass of zooplankton also changed seasonally under the sea-ice in the Arctic Ocean,  
15 as a result of the variable sea-ice conditions. Microzooplankton are recognized as a key  
16 component of pelagic food webs (e.g., Kosobokova et al., 2002; Calbet and Landry,  
17 2004), but the seasonal and interannual changes in their communities within sea ice  
18 regions are still poorly understood.

19 To understand the effect of sea ice reduction on marine ecosystems in the Arctic  
20 Ocean, we studied productivity, distribution, composition, and biological conditions of  
21 living radiolarians in both plankton tow samples and sediment trap samples.

22 In our study we have analyzed only the siliceous forms of class Rhizaria and herein  
23 we have used the definition of Radiolaria as defined by Suzuki and Aita (2011). In their  
24 taxonomic scheme they include the following orders: Collodaria, Nassellaria,  
25 Spumellaria, Acantharia and Taxopodia. In addition we do include order Entactinaria  
26 which Suzuki and Aita (2011) reported getting extinct during the Permian, but  
27 Bjørklund et al. (2008) demonstrated its presence also in recent plankton and sediment  
28 samples. In this study we have excluded order Acantharia as they have a skeleton of  
29  $\text{SrSO}_4$  and Collodaria, a group that normally do not possess a skeleton or only with  
30 loose spines. Therefore, our study only includes forms with a solid skeleton of  $\text{SiO}_2$ . In  
31 this paper we have chosen to include data also on order Phaeodaria which have not been  
32 assigned to Radiolaria but to Cercozoa in recent studies using molecular biology  
33 (Cavalier-Smith and Chao, 2003; Nikolaev et al., 2004; Adl et al., 2005; Yuasa et al.,

1 2005). To make the text read well we therefore use Radiolaria, or radiolarians when  
2 appropriate, to also include Phaeodaria, this to make it possible for us to compare  
3 already published data from the north Pacific region (Okazaki et al., 2003, 2005;  
4 Ikenoue et al., 2010, 2012a).

5 Radiolaria are one of the most common microzooplankton groups, they secrete  
6 siliceous skeletons, and their abundance in a region is related to temperature, salinity,  
7 productivity and nutrient availability (Anderson, 1983; Bjørklund et al., 1998; Cortese  
8 and Bjørklund, 1997; Cortese et al., 2003). Their genus and family levels taxa also  
9 respond to various oceanographic conditions by altering their distribution patterns and  
10 compositions (Kruglikova et al., 2010, 2011). In recent studies, Ikenoue et al. (2012a, b)  
11 found a close relationship between water mass exchanges and radiolarian abundances  
12 based on a fifteen-year long time-series observation on radiolarian fluxes in the central  
13 subarctic Pacific. Radiolarian assemblages are also related to the vertical hydrographic  
14 structure (e.g., Kling, 1979; Ishitani and Takahashi, 2007; Boltovskoy et al., 2010),  
15 therefore variations in their abundance and proportion might be useful environmental  
16 proxies for water mass exchanges at each depth interval, especially as some of them  
17 occur in response to recent climate change (e.g., ocean circulation, expansion and  
18 decline of sea-ice, influx of water mass from other regions).

19 The radiolarian assemblages in the western Arctic Ocean has been studied mainly  
20 based on the samples collected by plankton tow at ice-floe stations (Hülsemann, 1963,  
21 Tibbs, 1967), and in the Beaufort Sea in summer of 2000 (Itaki et al., 2003) or in  
22 surface sediment samples, mainly over the Atlantic side of the Arctic Ocean (Bjørklund  
23 and Kruglikova (2003). Bernstein (1931, 1932, 1934) reported on six Polycystina, two  
24 Acantharia and two Taxopodia species, but did not give any information on abundance  
25 in the Barents Sea and Kara Sea for the Polycystina, but for the Acantharia and  
26 Taxopodia she reported them to be abundant, with a maximum occurrence in the deeper  
27 and warmer Atlantic water. Meunier (1910) also reported on Acantharia, Taxopodia and  
28 Nassellaria in the Kara Sea and the Arctic Ocean, but he stated (page 196) that his  
29 material was not rich in radiolarians. However, the knowledge of the geographical and  
30 the depth distribution of living radiolarians is still limited, and their seasonal and annual  
31 changes have not been studied in the western Arctic Ocean because of seasonal sea-ice  
32 coverage.

33 This is the first extensive study of the seasonal and interannual flux changes of

1 radiolarians in the western Arctic Ocean. We present radiolarian depth distributions and  
2 flux variations in the western Arctic Ocean, and discuss their seasonality and species  
3 associations in relation to the environmental conditions (temperature, salinity, depth,  
4 sea-ice concentration, and downward shortwave radiation).

## 5 6 **2. Oceanographic setting**

7 The hydrography in the western Arctic Ocean has been discussed in several studies  
8 (e.g., Aagaard et al., 1985; McLaughlin et al., 2011) and the upper 1,000 m of the water  
9 column can be divided into five distinct water masses. The surface water is  
10 characterized by low temperature and low salinity water (Aagaard et al., 1981) and can  
11 be subdivided into three layers, i.e. Surface Mixed Layer (SML), Pacific Summer Water  
12 (PSW), Pacific Winter Water (PWW). The SML (0-25 m) is formed in summer by  
13 sea-ice melt and river runoff and is characterized by very low salinities (less than 28).  
14 The PSW (25-100 m) and PWW (100-250 m) are cold halocline layers originating from  
15 the Pacific Ocean via the Bering Sea. The PSW flows along the Alaskan coast and  
16 enters the Canada Basin through the Bering Strait and Barrow Canyon (Coachman and  
17 Barnes, 1961) (Fig. 1). The PSW is relatively warmer and less saline (30-32 in the  
18 1990s, 28-32 in the 2000s, according to Jackson et al., 2011) than the PWW. The PSW  
19 is further classified into warmer and less saline Alaskan coastal water and cooler and  
20 more saline Bering Sea water (Coachman et al., 1975), which originate from Pacific  
21 water that is modified in the Chukchi and Bering Seas during summer. The Alaskan  
22 coastal water is carried by a current along the Alaskan coast, and spread northwards  
23 along the Northwind Ridge by the Beaufort gyre depending on the rates of ice cover and  
24 decay (Shimada et al., 2001). The PWW is characterized by a temperature minimum (of  
25 about  $-1.7^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and originates from Pacific water that is modified in the Chukchi and  
26 Bering Seas during winter (Coachman and Barnes, 1961). The PWW is also  
27 characterized by a nutrient maximum and its source is regenerated nutrients from the  
28 shelf sediments (Jones and Anderson, 1986).

29 The deep water is divided into Atlantic Water (AW) and Canada Basin Deep Water  
30 (CBDW). AW (250-900 m) is warmer (near or below  $1^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and saltier (near 35)  
31 intermediate water than the surface waters, and is originating from the North Atlantic  
32 Ocean, via the Norwegian Sea. The CBDW (below 900 m) is a cold (lower than  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$ )  
33 water mass located beneath the AW and has the same salinity as the AW. The CBDW is

1 formed by the brine formation on the shelves, which makes cold and saline water mass  
2 sink over the continental margin into the deep basins (Aagaard et al., 1985).

### 3 4 **3. Materials and methods**

#### 5 *3.1. Plankton tow samples*

6 Plankton tow samples were collected by vertical multiple plankton sampler (VMPS).  
7 The instrument (mesh size: 62  $\mu\text{m}$ , open mouth area: 0.25  $\text{m}^2$ ) was towed from 4 layers  
8 (100-0, 250-100, 500-250, and 1,000-500 m) at 2 stations (Station 32 in Northwind  
9 Abyssal Plain, 74°32'N, 161°54'W; Station 56 in southwestern Canada Basin, 73°48'N,  
10 159°59'W) (Fig. 1 and Table 1) in September 2013. Hydrographical data (temperature,  
11 salinity, dissolved oxygen, and chlorophyll *a*) down to 1,000 m water depth were  
12 simultaneously obtained from a CTD (Conductivity Temperature Depth profiler) cast.  
13 The volume of seawater filtered through the net was estimated using a flow meter  
14 mounted in the mouth ring of the plankton net.

15 The samples collected by VMPS were split with a Motoda box splitter and a rotary  
16 splitter (McLane<sup>TM</sup>WSD-10). The split samples were fixed with 99.5% ethanol for  
17 radiolarian studies. Plankton samples were stained with Rose-Bengal to discriminate  
18 between living and dead specimens. The split samples were sieved through a stainless  
19 screen with 45  $\mu\text{m}$  mesh size. Remains on the screen were filtered through Gelman®  
20 membrane filters with a nominal pore size of 0.45  $\mu\text{m}$ . The filtered samples were  
21 desalted with distilled water. The edges of each filtered sample were cut according to  
22 slide size in wet condition and mounted on glass slides on a slide warmer. Xylene was  
23 added to the dried filters and samples, which were then permanently mounted with  
24 Canada balsam. Radiolarian taxa were identified and counted with a compound light  
25 microscope at 200 x or 400 x magnification. Plankton tow samples were stained with  
26 Rose-Bengal to discriminate between living and dead specimens. Specimens that clearly  
27 stained bright red were interpreted as living cells, while cells that did not stain red, or  
28 just barely indicated a red shine, were interpreted as dead because of the lacking  
29 protoplasm. This is also in accordance to Okazaki et al. (2004). All specimens on a slide  
30 were identified and counted, and their individual numbers were converted to standing  
31 stocks (No. specimens  $\text{m}^{-3}$ ).

#### 32 33 *3.2. Hydrographic profiles*

1 Profiles of temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen, and chlorophyll *a* down to 1,000  
2 m depth at stations 32 (Northwind Abyssal Plain) and 56 (southwestern Canada Basin)  
3 in September 2013 are from Nishino (2013) and shown in Fig. 2a and b, respectively. At  
4 Station 32, temperature showed sharp decrease from the surface and down to about 25  
5 m depth with a sharp increase at the base of SML. The PSW is generally cold (about  
6  $-1^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) with a maximum value ( $1.6^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) at about 50 m and shows a rapid decrease with  
7 increasing depth. The PWW is the coldest water (minimum value  $-1.6^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) at about 200  
8 m. Highest temperatures are found in the AW (near or below  $1^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) at about 400 m with a  
9 gradual decrease below 500 m. Salinity showed low values (25-28) in the SML,  
10 increasing rapidly with depth from 28-32 in the PSW. In the PWW there is a gradual  
11 increase of salinity from 32 to 35, while there is a slight decrease below the PWW/AW  
12 boundary. Dissolved oxygen showed maximum value ( $405\ \mu\text{mol/kg}$ ) at the boundary  
13 between SML and PWW, rapid decrease with increasing depth in the PSW and PWW,  
14 minimum value ( $270\ \mu\text{mol/kg}$ ) around the boundary between PWW and AW, and slight  
15 increase below that. Chlorophyll *a* higher than  $0.1\ \text{mg m}^{-3}$  was observed in 0-80 m  
16 depth. Temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen, and chlorophyll *a* show almost similar  
17 values at both Station 32 and Station 56 except for SML and PSW. In the SML, salinity  
18 at Station 32 was slightly lower than at Station 56. In the PSW, a temperature peak at  
19 Station 32 was about one degree higher, and a little deeper, compared to Station 56. In  
20 0-80 m depth, chlorophyll *a* was a little higher at Station 56 than at Station 32.

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### 22 3.3. Sediment trap samples

23 Particle flux samples were collected by a sediment trap (SMD26 S-6000, open  
24 mouth area  $0.5\ \text{m}^2$ , Nichiyu Giken Kogyo, Co. Ltd.) rotated at 10–15-day intervals  
25 moored at 184 m (4th October 2010–28th September 2011)-260 m (4th October  
26 2011–18th September 2012) and 1,300 m (4th October 2010–28th September  
27 2011)-1,360 m (4th October 2011–18th September 2012) at Station NAP (Northwind  
28 Abyssal Plain,  $75^{\circ}00'\text{N}$ ,  $162^{\circ}00'\text{W}$ , bottom depth 1,975 m) (Fig. 1; Table 2). The  
29 mooring system was designed to set the collecting instrument at approximately 600 m  
30 above the sea floor. This depth of the moored sediment traps was chosen in order to  
31 avoid possible inclusion of particles from the nepheloid layer, reaching about 400 m  
32 above the seafloor (Ewing and Connary, 1970). Recoveries and redeployments of the  
33 traps were carried out on the Canadian Coast Guard Ship I/B (ice breaker) “Sir Wilfrid

1 Laurier” and R/V “Mirai” of Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology.  
2 The sample cups were filled with 5% buffered formalin seawater before the sediment  
3 trap was deployed. This seawater was collected from 1,000 m water depth in the  
4 southern Canada Basin, and was membrane filtered (0.45 mm pore size). The seawater  
5 in the sample cups was mixed with sodium borate as a buffer (pH 7.6–7.8) and 5%  
6 formalin was added as a preservative.

7 The samples were first sieved through 1 mm mesh to remove larger particles, which  
8 are not relevant for the present study. The samples were split with a rotary splitter  
9 (McLane<sup>TM</sup>WSD-10). At first, we used 1/100 aliquot size of the samples to make  
10 microslides for microscope work (species identification). We made additional slides in  
11 case of low radiolarian specimen numbers. In order to remove organic matter and  
12 protoplasm, 20 ml of 10% hydrogen peroxide solution are added to the samples in a 100  
13 ml pyrex beaker, and heated (not boiling) on a hot plate for one hour. After this reaction  
14 was completed, Calgon® (hexametaphosphate, surfactant) solution was added to  
15 disaggregate the sample. The treated samples were then sieved through a screen (45 µm  
16 mesh size). Both the coarse (>45 µm) and fine (<45µm) fractions were filtered through  
17 Gelman membrane filters with a nominal pore size of 0.45µm and desalted with  
18 distilled water. The edges of each filtered sample were cut according to slide size in wet  
19 condition and mounted on glass slides on a slide warmer. Xylene was added to the dried  
20 filters and samples, which were then permanently mounted with Canada balsam.

21 We made slides of both the coarse (>45 µm) and the fine (<45 µm) fraction of each  
22 sample. For the enumeration of radiolarian taxa in this study, we counted all specimens  
23 of radiolarian skeletons larger than 45 µm encountered on a slide. Each sample was  
24 examined under an Olympus compound light microscope at 200 x or 400 x  
25 magnification for species identification and counting. The radiolarian flux (No.  
26 specimens m<sup>-2</sup> day<sup>-1</sup>) was calculated from our count data using the following formula:

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$$\text{Flux} = N * V / S / D \quad (1)$$

28 where  $N$  is the counted number of radiolarians,  $V$  the aliquot size,  $S$  the aperture area of  
29 the sediment trap (0.5 m<sup>2</sup>), and  $D$  the sampling interval (day). Diversity indices using  
30 the Shannon-Weaver log-base 2 formula (Shannon and Weaver, 1949) were calculated  
31 for total radiolarians

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$$H = -\sum P_i \log_2 P_i \quad (2)$$

33 where  $H$  is the diversity index,  $P$  is the contribution of species (relative abundance in



1 total radiolaria) and  $i$  is the order of species.

2 As supplemental environmental data, the moored sediment trap depth and the water  
3 temperature (accuracy of + 0.28°C) were monitored every hour (sensor type: ST-26S-T).  
4 Moored trap depth for the upper trap was lowered by about 80 m during the second year  
5 (about 260 m depth) than during the first year (about 180 m depth), caused by  
6 entanglement of the mooring ropes. During July-August in 2012, the moored trap depth  
7 was lowered to about 300 m, because of intensified water currents (Fig. S1).  
8 Time-series data of sea-ice concentration around Station NAP during the mooring  
9 period were calculated from the sea-ice concentration data set ([http://iridl.ldeo.columbia.edu/SOURCES/.IGOSS/.nmc/.Reyn\\_Smith\\_OIv2/](http://iridl.ldeo.columbia.edu/SOURCES/.IGOSS/.nmc/.Reyn_Smith_OIv2/), cf. Reynolds et al., 2002).

#### 12 3.4. Taxonomic note

13 The species described by Hülsemann (1963) under the name of *Tholospyris*  
14 *gephyristes* is not a Spyridae. This species has been accepted as a Spyridae by most  
15 workers, but this species lacks the sagittal ring that is typical for the Spyridae. We have  
16 therefore assigned this species to the family Plagiacanthidae. We suggest this species be  
17 renamed to *Tripodiscium gephyristes* until a proper taxonomic analysis has been  
18 undertaken.

## 20 4. Results

### 22 4.1. Radiolarians collected by plankton tows

23 A total of 43 radiolarian taxa (12 Spumellaria, 3 Entactinaria, 26 Nassellaria, and 2  
24 Phaeodaria) were identified in the plankton tow samples (Table 3). We have observed  
25 taxopodians, but they have not been identified according to the two species as defined  
26 by Meunier (1910), nor have they been quantified. Furthermore, we have not been able  
27 to observe any collodarian individuals although we cannot exclude their presence in the  
28 Arctic Ocean (Lovejoy et al., 2006; Lovejoy & Potvin, 2011). The numbers of  
29 individuals for each radiolarian taxon are in Tables S1 (Station 32) and S2 (Station 56).

#### 31 4.1.1. Standing stocks and diversities of radiolarians

32 The abundance of living radiolarians at Station 32 was about two times higher than  
33 at Station 56 at each depth interval in the upper 500 m, the depth level at which the

1 abundance of living radiolarians decreased with increasing water depth at both stations  
2 (Fig. 2a and b). The abundance of dead radiolarians also decreased with water depth at  
3 both stations except for 100–250 m depth at Station 32 (Fig. 2a and b). The abundance  
4 of dead radiolarians was generally higher than living radiolarians at both stations except  
5 for in the 0–100 m depth at Station 32. The living radiolarian diversity index was low in  
6 the 0–100 m depth interval, increased with depth, reached a maximum at about 400 m,  
7 and then slightly decreased below 500 m depth at both stations.

8 At Station 32, *Amphimelissa setosa* (58%) and *Amphimelissa setosa* juvenile (22%)  
9 were dominant, and *Joergensenium* sp. A (6%), *Pseudodictyophimus clevei* (4%),  
10 Actinommidae spp. juvenile forms (3%), and *Actinomma leptodermum leptodermum*  
11 (1%) were common (Fig 3a). At Station 56 the Actinommidae spp. juvenile forms  
12 (38%) and *Amphimelissa setosa* (29%) were dominant, and *Actinomma leptodermum*  
13 *leptodermum* (6%), *Amphimelissa setosa* juvenile (6%), *Pseudodictyophimus clevei*  
14 (5%), and *Joergensenium* sp. A (4%) were common (Fig 3b). We defined the 2-shelled  
15 forms of Actinommidae as juvenile. Then the 3 and 4 shelled forms will be adult. For  
16 the *Amphimelissa setosa* we defined those with cephalis only as juveniles. Those with a  
17 well developed cephalis and with a barely or well developed thorax are defined as adult.  
18 Actinommidae spp. juvenile forms are mostly two-shelled juvenile forms of *Actinomma*  
19 *leptodermum leptodermum* and *Actinomma boreale*, making it impossible to separate  
20 between the two.

#### 21 22 4.1.2. Environmental significance of the vertical distribution of radiolarian species

23 We selected fourteen abundant radiolarian taxa to show their relation to the vertical  
24 hydrographic structure in the western Arctic Ocean (Fig. 4). The selected taxa were  
25 radiolarian taxa with 1% or higher relative abundance through the upper 1,000 m of the  
26 water column at either of the two stations and with high relative abundance in each  
27 water depth.

28 Adult and juvenile forms of *Amphimelissa setosa* were mainly distributed in the  
29 0–250 m depth at both stations. In the 0–100 m depth, adult and juvenile stages were  
30 dominant (70% and 28%, respectively) at Station 32, and at Station 56 (23% and 7%,  
31 respectively) following the juvenile *Actinomma* spp. (56%). In the 100–250 m depth, *A.*  
32 *setosa* was the dominant species at both stations. At Station 32, the abundance of *A.*  
33 *setosa* in the 100–250 m depth interval was lower than in the 0–100 m depth, whereas at

1 Station 56, the abundance in the 100-250 m depth was almost the same as in the 0–100  
2 m depth.

3 Actinommidae spp. juvenile forms and *Actinomma l. leptodermum* were absent in  
4 0–100 m depth at Station 32, but both, especially Actinommidae spp. juvenile forms  
5 (56%), were abundant at Station 56. Both were common in the 100-250 m depth at both  
6 stations (8% and 4%, respectively at Station 32; 14% and 7%, respectively at Station  
7 56), and decreased in abundance in the 250–500 m depth. *Spongotrochus glacialis* was  
8 rare in the 0-100 m depth at Station 32 (0.4%) but with a slight increase at Station 56  
9 (1.4%). In deeper layers *S. glacialis* was rare.

10 *Joergensenium* sp. A, *Pseudodictyophimus clevei*, and *Actinomma boreale* were  
11 abundant in the 100–250 m depth at both stations. *Joergensenium* sp. A was absent in  
12 the 0–100 m depth but abundant in the 100–250 m depth and rare in deeper depths.  
13 *Pseudodictyophimus clevei* was found throughout from the surface to 1,000 m depth,  
14 but was rare at Station 32 except for in 100-250 m. *Actinomma boreale* was rare and  
15 mainly found in the 100–250 m depth at both stations.

16 *Ceratocyrtis histricosus* was mainly found in the 250–500 m depth, and occurred  
17 also in the 100–250 m depth at both stations. *Tripodiscium gephyristes* was widely  
18 distributed below 100 m depth at Station 56, while at Station 32 this species was scarce  
19 at all depth layers. *Pseudodictyophimus g. gracilipes* occurred in very low numbers at  
20 both stations through the upper 1,000 m. *Pseudodictyophimus plathycephalus*,  
21 Plagiacanthidae gen. et sp. indet., and *Cycladophora davisiana* were most abundant  
22 below 500 m depth at both stations.

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#### 24 4.2. Radiolaria collected by sediment trap

25 A total of 51 radiolarian taxa (15 Spumellaria, 3 Entactinaria, 31 Nassellaria, and 2  
26 Phaeodaria) were identified in the upper and lower sediment trap samples at Station  
27 NAP during 4th October 2010–18th September 2012 (Table 3). We have observed  
28 taxopodians, but they have not been identified nor quantified. Furthermore, we have not  
29 been able to observe any collodarian individuals. The number of radiolarians counted in  
30 each sample ranged from 8 to 1,100 specimens in the upper trap, and from 0 to 2,672  
31 specimens in the lower trap (Tables S3 and S4). There were 15 samples with fewer than  
32 100 specimens (2 samples in upper trap, 13 samples in lower trap). Most of the species  
33 recognized in our sample materials are shown in Plates 1-9.

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#### 2 4.2.1. Radiolarian flux and diversity in the upper trap

3 The highest total radiolarian fluxes in the upper trap were observed during the  
4 beginning of sea-ice cover season (November in 2010 and 2011, >10,000 specimens  
5  $\text{m}^{-2} \text{day}^{-1}$ ) (Fig. 5). The fluxes were higher during the open water season  
6 (August–October in 2011, average, 5,710 specimens  $\text{m}^{-2} \text{day}^{-1}$ ) and around the end of  
7 sea-ice cover season (July–August in 2011, >4,000 specimens  $\text{m}^{-2} \text{day}^{-1}$ ) than during  
8 the sea-ice cover season (December–June, average in 2011, 944 specimens  $\text{m}^{-2} \text{day}^{-1}$ ;  
9 average in 2012, 723 specimens  $\text{m}^{-2} \text{day}^{-1}$ ). The fluxes varied from 114 to 14,677  
10 specimens  $\text{m}^{-2} \text{day}^{-1}$  with an annual mean of 2,823 specimens  $\text{m}^{-2} \text{day}^{-1}$ . The diversity  
11 of radiolarians, however, was higher during the sea-ice cover season (>3) than during  
12 the open water season (<2) (Fig. 5). The diversity indices were negatively correlated  
13 with the total radiolarian fluxes ( $r = -0.91$ ) (Fig. 6).

14 Species composition varied seasonally. Adult and juvenile *Amphimelissa setosa*  
15 were most dominant (90%) during the sea-ice free season, and the beginning and the  
16 end of sea-ice cover season. The juvenile and adult forms were abundant in earlier and  
17 later seasons, respectively (Fig. 7). During the sea-ice cover season, however,  
18 Actinommidae spp. juvenile forms (range, 0–51%; average, 18%), *Actinomma*  
19 *leptodermum leptodermum* (range, 0–14.6%; average, 4%), *Actinomma boreale* (range,  
20 0–33%; average, 4%) were dominant. Relatively high percentages of  
21 *Pseudodictyophimus clevei*, *Pseudodictyophimus gracilipes*, *Tripodiscium gephyristes*  
22 were also observed during the sea-ice cover season.

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#### 24 4.2.2. Radiolarian flux and diversity in the lower trap

25 Total radiolarian flux in the lower trap varied from 0 to 22,733 specimens  $\text{m}^{-2} \text{day}^{-1}$   
26 with an annual mean of 4,828 specimens  $\text{m}^{-2} \text{day}^{-1}$  (Fig. 5). The fluxes were high  
27 during November–December both in 2010 and 2011 and during March in 2011  
28 (>10,000 specimens  $\text{m}^{-2} \text{day}^{-1}$ ), while extremely low (average, 21 specimens  $\text{m}^{-2} \text{day}^{-1}$ )  
29 during May–September in 2012. Diversity did not change greatly, and increased slightly  
30 during May–July 2011, and in April 2012 when the radiolarian fluxes were low. The  
31 diversity indices were weakly negatively correlated with the radiolarian fluxes ( $r =$   
32  $-0.52$ ) (Fig. 6).

33 Adult and juvenile stages of *Amphimelissa setosa* were dominant throughout the

1 sampling periods (range, 66–92%; average, 82%). The relative abundance of *A. setosa*  
2 juvenile was slightly increased in 2012 in comparison to 2010 and 2011.

## 3 4 **5. Discussion**

### 5 *5.1. Comparison between Arctic and North Pacific Oceans*

6 Biogenic particle flux into the deep sea in the Canada Basin was generally assumed  
7 to be low due to the low productivity of siliceous and calcareous microplankton, which  
8 plays an important role in the biological pump process (Honjo et al., 2010). However,  
9 we observed high radiolarian fluxes (14,677: upper trap, 22,733: lower trap) at Station  
10 NAP during the open water season and around the beginning and the end of sea-ice  
11 cover season in 2011-2012. The annual means (2,823: upper trap, 4,823: lower trap)  
12 were comparable to those observed in several areas of the North Pacific Ocean (Fig. 8,  
13 Table S5). However the radiolarian fluxes in the upper trap showed an apparent  
14 abundant season (July-November) and a sparse season (December-June) in a year, and  
15 that the lower trap also showed an extremely low flux during May-September 2012.  
16 Therefore we regarded the period when radiolarian fluxes were higher than  $1\sigma$  (3,489:  
17 upper trap; 5,675: lower trap) as a contributing period. As a result, the mean of  
18 radiolarian fluxes during the contributing period in the western Arctic Ocean showed a  
19 higher value (7,344: upper trap; 11,871: lower trap) than at any other stations in the  
20 North Pacific Ocean (Table S5). The biogenic opal collected in this study mainly  
21 consisted of radiolarians and diatoms based on our microscopic observations. Other  
22 siliceous skeletons (silicoflagellate skeletons, siliceous endoskeleton of dinoflagellate  
23 genus *Actiniscus*, chrysophyte cysts, ebridian flagellate, and palmales) are minor  
24 components in the same trap samples (Onodera et al., 2014), therefore siliceous  
25 skeletons of radiolarians and diatoms might play an important role to export biogenic  
26 silica to the deep Arctic. Onodera et al. (2014) also estimated the diatom contribution to  
27 POC flux at station NAP, but more than half of the contribution to total POC has not  
28 been explained yet. Relatively high flux of radiolarians in arctic microplankton might  
29 contribute to a substantial part of the POC flux.

### 30 31 *5.2. Vertical distribution of species and hydrographic structure*

#### 32 *5.2.1. PSW and PWW association*

33 *Amphimelissa setosa* and its juvenile stages were found in shallow cold-water in

1 both stations 32 and 56. Specifically, they were more abundant in the SML and PSW  
2 (0-100 m) at Station 32 than Station 56. At Station 32, these two water masses exhibited  
3 warmer temperature (about one degree higher at the temperature peak) than Station 56;  
4 indicating that cold to moderately warm (-1.2 to 1.6 °C), and well mixed water mass  
5 were more favorable for this species than perennial cold water masses such as PWW  
6 (100-250 m). According to Dolan et al. (2014), *A. setosa* showed significantly lower  
7 abundances with higher chlorophyll *a* concentrations of 2012, the low sea ice year,  
8 compared to the year of 2011 with higher sea ice and lower chlorophyll *a* concentrations.  
9 Thus, the abundance of phytoplankton protoplasm with the remains of chlorophyll *a* is  
10 not related with the abundance of *A. setosa*. This is harmonious with our result that  
11 chlorophyll *a* was a little higher at Station 56 but the abundance of *A. setosa* at Station  
12 56 was fairly lower than that at Station 32 in contrast to Actinommidae spp. juvenile  
13 forms, *Actinomma l. leptodermum*. Therefore the favorable condition for *A. setosa* is  
14 related to cold and well mixed water mass and any other organisms except for those  
15 from phytoplankton near the summer sea-ice edge. The vertical and geographic  
16 distribution of *A. setosa* has been described in several previous studies. This species  
17 dominated (60-86%) the radiolarian assemblage through the upper 500 m of the water  
18 column in the Chukchi Sea and the Beaufort Sea and so can be an indicator of cold  
19 Arctic surface water (Itaki et al., 2003). Bernstein (1931) noted that this species live in  
20 the cold (-1.68°C to -1.29°C) and saline (34.11 to 34.78) waters in the Arctic Ocean.  
21 Matul and Abelmann (2005) also suggested that *A. setosa* prefers well-mixed, cold and  
22 saline surface/subsurface waters. Bjørklund et al. (1998) reported its distribution in the  
23 western part of the GIN Seas, being dominant (up to 76%) at the Iceland Plateau and  
24 common (>20%) just north of the Iceland–Faeroe Ridge. In the eastern part of the Barents  
25 Sea, west of Novaja Zemlya, Bjørklund and Kruglikova (2003) reported *Amphimelissa*  
26 *setosa* as the dominant (77%) species.

27 Actinommidae spp. juvenile forms, *Actinomma l. leptodermum*, *Spongotrochus*  
28 *glacialis* were mainly distributed in the PSW and PWW and preferred different water  
29 masses from *Amphimelissa setosa*. *Actinomma l. leptodermum* and *Actinomma boreale*  
30 had been reported as a group (e.g., Samtleben et al., 1995), due to identification  
31 problems, particularly of the juvenile stages, but the adult stages can be separated into  
32 two species following Cortese and Bjørklund (1998). *Actinomma l. leptodermum* were  
33 absent in the water masses of SML and PSW at Station 32, but they were abundant in

1 these water masses at Station 56. At Station 56, SML and PSW water masses were  
2 colder (-1.2 to 0.6 °C) and more homogeneous than at Station 32; indicating that  
3 Actinommidae spp. juvenile forms and *A. l. leptodermum* preferred slightly warmer  
4 water than PWW (-1.6 °C). Our results show that Actinommidae spp. juvenile forms  
5 and *A. l. leptodermum* are most abundant in the upper water layers where phytoplankton  
6 also prevails (Fig. 2). It is most likely that the juvenile actinommid and *A. l.*  
7 *leptodermum* may be bound to the euphotic zone. *Spongotrochus glacialis*, showing a  
8 similar vertical distribution as Actinommidae spp. juvenile forms and *Actinomma l.*  
9 *leptodermum*, also preferred warmer water than PWW. This species inhabited surface  
10 water in the Okhotsk Sea, and is well adapted to low temperatures and low salinities  
11 (Nimmergut and Abelmann 2002). Okazaki et al. (2004) reported *S. glacialis* as a  
12 subsurface dweller with abundance maximum in the 50–100 m interval in the Okhotsk  
13 Sea, associated with the phytoplankton production.

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#### 15 5.2.2. PWW association

16 *Joergensenium* sp. A, *Pseudodictyophimus clevei*, and *Actinomma boreale*, were  
17 mainly distributed in the PWW. *Joergensenium* sp. A and *P. clevei* might prefer cold  
18 water (-1.7°C) with low turbulence. The depth distribution of *Joergensenium* sp. A was  
19 restricted to the PWW (100-250 m) and the upper AW (250-500 m), but *P. clevei* was  
20 more widely distributed. *Joergensenium* sp. A has not yet been described from recent  
21 radiolarian assemblages, so it can be suggested that this species might occur only on the  
22 Pacific side of the Arctic Ocean and might serve as an indicator for the PWW layer.  
23 Standing stocks of *A. boreale* were lower than Actinommidae spp. juvenile forms and *A.*  
24 *l. leptodermum* at both stations, and mainly occurred in the PWW. In the surface  
25 sediments of the Greenland, Iceland and Norwegian Seas, *A. boreale* is associated with  
26 warm (Atlantic) water, whereas *A. l. leptodermum* seems to have broader environmental  
27 tolerance, as it is associated with both the cold East Greenland Current and the warm  
28 Norwegian Current water (Bjørklund et al., 1998). Other environmental factors such as  
29 salinity, food availability, or seasonal differences of their growth stages due to the  
30 sampling period might influence the standing stocks of *A. boreale*.

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#### 32 5.2.3. Upper AW association

33 *Ceratocyrtis histricosus* occurred commonly in the upper AW (250-500 m) and

1 rarely in the PWW. Itaki et al. (2003) first noticed that *Ceratospyris histricosus* had not  
2 been observed in the Canada Basin during the 1950s and 1960s and he pointed out that  
3 the common occurrence of this species in the Chukchi and Beaufort seas in 2000 might  
4 be an effect of the recent warming of the AW. Differing from Itaki et al. (2003), we first  
5 found this species in the PWW. According to Itaki et al. (2003), *C. histricosus* can  
6 survive in the temperature range of 0.5–4°C. However, our data on the temperature of  
7 the PWW (minimum value –1.6°C) is apparently 2°C lower (Fig. 2) than the lower limit  
8 for survival of this species, as reported by Itaki et al. (2003). Furthermore, Swanberg  
9 and Bjørklund (1987) reported on the temperature range of this species to be between  
10 7–10°C in Sognefjorden, western Norway. This increases the temperature range from  
11 –1.6 to 10°C. Therefore it is not so much the effect of the temperature itself that is  
12 causing the expanding distribution of *C. histricosus*. The North Atlantic Oscillation  
13 (atmospheric High and Low pressure cells) control the flow of the surface water in the  
14 North Atlantic and a sustained increase of Atlantic inflow occurs, causing major  
15 changes in the water masses in the Arctic Ocean (Zhang et al., 1998). The temporary  
16 increasing volumes of inflowing AW might increase the chances for more exotic  
17 radiolarians to reach into the Arctic Ocean. Continuous monitoring of the annual  
18 changes in the radiolarian fauna in the western Arctic Ocean, including the occurrence  
19 of *C. histricosus*, might be able to pick up this type of signal.

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#### 21 5.2.4. Lower AW association

22 *Pseudodictyophimus plathycephalus*, Plagiacanthidae gen. et sp. indet. (Pl. 8, Figs.  
23 11–18), and *Cycladophora davisiana* were abundant in the cold and oxygenated lower  
24 AW at both stations. However, their distribution patterns in PWW and upper AW water  
25 masses were slightly different between Station 32 and Station 56 whereas temperature,  
26 salinity, and dissolved oxygen have similar values at both stations. Their standing stocks  
27 might therefore reflect the influence of other variables than hydrographic conditions  
28 alone. *Pseudodictyophimus g. gracilipes* is widely distributed in the World Ocean, and  
29 known to inhabit the surface layer at high latitudes, while living at greater depth at low  
30 latitudes (Ishitani and Takahashi, 2007; Ishitani et al., 2008). Itaki et al. (2003) reported  
31 that the maximum depth *P. g. gracilipes* occurred at 0–50 m in the Chukchi Sea and  
32 25–50 m in the Beaufort Sea. However, in our results, *P. g. gracilipes* did not show any  
33 specific vertical distribution, and its standing stocks were low.



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## 2 5.3. Seasonal and annual radiolarian flux

### 3 5.3.1. Radiolarian fauna and seasonal sea-ice concentration

4 Seasonal radiolarian fluxes at Station NAP were characterized by the high  
5 dominance of a few species and the changes of their ratios in the upper trap with the  
6 seasonal changes in sea-ice concentration. *Amphimelissa setosa* adult and its juvenile  
7 forms were dominant during the open-water season and around the beginning and the  
8 end of ice-cover seasons, while the actinommids (Actinommidae spp. juvenile forms,  
9 *Actinomma l. leptodermum*, *Actinomma boreale*) were dominant during the ice-cover  
10 season (Fig. 5). These observations might explain the regional difference in the  
11 radiolarian species distribution in the Arctic Ocean. *Amphimelissa setosa* were dominant  
12 in Arctic marginal sea sediments (Iceland, Barents, and Chukchi Seas) where sea-ice  
13 disappeared in the summer but Actinommidae were dominant in the central Arctic  
14 Ocean (Nansen, Amundsen, and Makarov Basins) where the sea surface was covered by  
15 sea-ice throughout the year (Bjørklund and Kruglikova, 2003). Zasko et al. (2014) also  
16 reported that *A. setosa* was essentially absent in the plankton samples in the central  
17 polar basins. The summer ice edge hosts well-grown ice algae and ice fauna (Horner et  
18 al., 1992; Michel et al., 2002; Assmy et al., 2013) and its presence causes an alternation  
19 between stable water masses and deep vertical mixing where the nutrients are brought to  
20 the surface (Harrison and Cota, 1991), with both conditions being favorable for primary  
21 productivity. Swanberg and Eide (1992) found that abundance of *A. setosa* and its  
22 juveniles was correlated well with Chlorophyll *a* and phaeopigments along the ice edge  
23 in summer in the Greenland Sea. Dolan et al. (2014), however, reported that the  
24 abundance of *A. setosa* was not entirely related to high Chlorophyll *a* with low sea-ice  
25 concentration as we have said in section 5.3.1. Therefore we interpreted that cold and  
26 well mixed water mass based on summer ice edge and maybe also other ice fauna  
27 elements were essential for high reproduction and growth of *A. setosa*.

28 From the upper trap, a flux peak of *A. setosa* juvenile occurred at the end of the  
29 sea-ice season, and that the flux peak of adult *A. setosa* occurred at the beginning of the  
30 sea-ice season (Fig. 7). The time interval between these peaks might indicate that *A.*  
31 *setosa* has a three months life cycle. *Pseudodictyophimus clevei* also shows flux peaks  
32 during the beginning of the sea-ice season (November-December) (Fig. 7). These two  
33 species seem to prefer to live under a cold water mass with sea-ice formation. On the

1 contrary, juvenile stages of actinommids were dominant during the ice-cover season  
2 (Fig. 5). Therefore, we interpreted the actinommids to be tolerant of oligotrophic and  
3 stratified cold water masses. Itaki and Bjørklund (2007) reported that reproduction  
4 could occur even at the juvenile stage in at least some actinommids since they  
5 frequently found conjoined juvenile Actinommidae skeletons in the Japan Sea  
6 sediments. Furthermore, the flux of Actinommidae spp. juvenile forms increased  
7 towards the end of the sea-ice cover season, accompanied by an increase in downward  
8 shortwave radiation (Fig. 5 and 7). This might indicate that Actinommidae spp. juvenile  
9 form can feed on algae growing on the ice or other phytoplankton under the sea-ice.  
10 Therefore, *A. setosa* and the juvenile actinommids might have different nutritional  
11 niches.

12 This study showed that the productivity of radiolarians was high, but diversity was  
13 low, during summer season with low sea-ice concentration in the western Arctic Ocean  
14 (Fig. 5 and 6). In contrast, radiolarian fauna in the sediment trap set in the Okhotsk Sea  
15 showed high diversity during summer season (Okazaki et al., 2003). The maximum total  
16 radiolarian flux during the summer season around the sea-ice edge and the open water is  
17 characterized by high dominance of *A. setosa* (>90%) in our area. Such high dominance  
18 of a single species does not occur in the Okhotsk Sea, where the main nine taxa  
19 contributed with more than 60 % of the radiolarian assemblage (Okazaki et al., 2003).  
20 *Amphimelissa setosa*, which has a small and delicate siliceous skeleton, might respond  
21 to water mass conditions near summer ice edge both more directly and more rapidly.  
22 The contrast of seasonal diversity between these two areas was due to the difference of  
23 species composition and their response to water mass changes with low sea-ice.

24 *Actinomma boreale*, *Spongotrochus glacialis*, *Joergensenium* sp. A were probably  
25 related to food supply to the PWW during the sea-ice free season. Relatively higher  
26 fluxes of these three species in the upper trap in summer 2012 compared to summer  
27 2011 might be due to an effect of the deeper mooring depth of the trap after October  
28 2011 (Fig. 7 and S1). This might be caused by their vertical distribution patterns, as they  
29 are more abundant at depths lower than the first upper trap depth (about 180 m) (Fig.  
30 3a). On the other hand, *Ceratocyrtis histicosus* and *Tripodiscium gephyristes* in the  
31 upper trap showed increase in their fluxes from May to September in summer 2012. The  
32 water temperature at the upper trap depth also increased during the same period (Fig. 7  
33 and S1), we therefore interpreted their increase to be related to the mixing of nutrient

1 and warm upper AW and lower PWW, rather than a decrease in sea ice concentrations  
2 due to their preference for the warm, upper AW.

### 3 4 5.3.2. Radiolarian fauna and interannual difference in ocean circulation

5 Intensification of geostrophic currents on the periphery of Beaufort Gyre (Fig. 1) has  
6 been reported in recent years (Nishino et al., 2011; McPhee, 2013). This intensification  
7 is caused by increasing volume of water from sea-ice melt associated with the reduction  
8 of arctic summer sea-ice and the river runoff to the basins (Proshutinsky et al., 2009;  
9 Yamamoto-Kawai et al., 2008). The total radiolarian flux showed lower production  
10 during summer (July-September) in 2012 than in 2011 in both the upper and, especially,  
11 lower traps (Fig. 5). Most radiolarian taxa also showed lower flux during summer of  
12 2012 (Fig. 7). On the other hand, fluxes of the actinommids (*Actinommidae* spp.  
13 juvenile forms, *Actinomma l. leptodermum*, *Actinomma boreale*), possibly adapted to  
14 cold and oligotrophic water, showed higher values during December 2011-September  
15 2012 than during December 2010-September 2011. *Actinommidae* spp. juvenile forms  
16 and *A. l. leptodermum* were most abundant in the depth interval of 0-100 m at Station  
17 56 in the southwestern Canada Basin. Therefore, we interpreted these data to mean that  
18 cold and oligotrophic water in the Canada Basin began to spread to Station NAP in the  
19 Northwind Abyssal Plain from December 2011 and continued to affect the radiolarian  
20 fluxes at least until September 2012. McLaughlin et al. (2011) reported that the position  
21 of the center of the Beaufort Gyre shifted westwards and that the area under the  
22 influence of the gyre spread northwards and westwards in recent years. Moreover,  
23 high-resolution pan-Arctic Ocean model results also showed that the Beaufort Gyre  
24 expanded by shifting its center from the Canada Basin interior to the Chukchi  
25 Borderland in 2012 compared with 2011, and the ocean current direction in the surface  
26 100 m layer switched northwestward to southwestward in December 2011 (E. Watanabe,  
27 personal communication, 2014). Thus, recent intensification of Beaufort Gyre currents  
28 associated with sea-ice reduction, would have affected the surface water mass  
29 conditions and as well as the ecological conditions in the western Arctic Ocean.

### 30 31 5.3.3. Vertical and lateral transport

32 Flux peaks of total radiolarians in the lower trap are delayed by about two weeks in  
33 comparison to the upper trap (Fig. 5). Therefore, the sinking speed of the aggregated

1 radiolarian particle flux between these depths were averaged to 74 m day<sup>-1</sup> during  
2 November-December 2010, 86 m day<sup>-1</sup> during July-August 2011, and 73 m day<sup>-1</sup> during  
3 November 2011. Watanabe et al. (2014) simulated movement of cold and warm eddies  
4 using a high-resolution pan-Arctic Ocean model, and suggested that the high total mass  
5 flux during October-December 2010 at Station NAP, as we determined using sediment  
6 samples, was mainly due to the enhancement of the marine biological pump by an  
7 anti-cyclonic cold eddy. Shelf-break eddies induce the lateral transport of resuspended  
8 bottom sediments composed of old carbon, and enhance the biological pump (O'Brien  
9 et al., 2013; Watanabe et al., 2014). Actually, the passage of a cold eddy was observed  
10 as a cooling and a deepening of the moored trap depth in the corresponding period (Fig.  
11 S1). *Amphimelissa setosa* was the most dominant species (>90%) and showed the  
12 highest flux (13,840 specimens m<sup>-2</sup> day<sup>-1</sup>) during November 2010 in the upper trap.  
13 The flux of this species was about 3,500 specimens m<sup>-2</sup> day<sup>-1</sup> higher and kept the  
14 highest value half a month longer than that in 2011. The cold eddy passage would  
15 transport a cold and well mixed water mass, conditions favorable for *A. setosa*.  
16 Therefore the cold eddy passage in addition to seasonal water mass variations with sea  
17 ice formation would enhance the high radiolarian flux.

18 Radiolarian fluxes in the lower trap were generally higher than in the upper trap  
19 except for May-September 2012 (Fig. 5). The extremely low fluxes in the lower trap  
20 during this interval might be due to a decrease of aggregate formation. The latter  
21 process, which helps rapid sinking of biogenic particles, would be suppressed by influx  
22 of oligotrophic surface water originating from the Beaufort Gyre in the Canada Basin.  
23 In the southwestern Canada Basin (Station 56), high standing stock of dead radiolarian  
24 specimens (Fig. 2) might indicate an inefficient biological pump in this area. In addition,  
25 fluxes of Actinommidae spp. juvenile forms were lower in the lower trap, in spite of  
26 their high abundance in the upper trap since December 2011. We suggest that the  
27 disappearance of fluxes of Actinommidae spp. juvenile forms in the lower trap might be  
28 due to lack of aggregate formation.

29 Higher abundance in the lower trap of species having a wider vertical distribution  
30 (*Pseudodictyophimus g. gracilipes*, *P. plathycephalus*) or intermediate to deep water  
31 distribution (*Ceratocyrtis histicosus*, *Tripodiscium gephyristes*, Plagiacanthidae gen. et  
32 sp. indet., and *Cycladophora davisiana*) might be attributed to the reproduction of these  
33 species at a depth level situated between the upper and lower traps. The seasonal

1 changes in the fluxes of intermediate and deep dwellers to the lower trap would reflect  
2 the availability of food supply. The flux of *Pseudodictyophimus g. gracilipes*, *P.*  
3 *plathycephalus*, Plagiacanthidae gen. et sp. in det. and *Cycladophora davisiana* in the  
4 lower trap was high during July-August 2011. Most of the radiolarian species in the  
5 lower trap also peak during March 2011, a period of heavy ice cover and low downward  
6 shortwave radiation. In addition, in the lower trap the flux peak during March in 2011  
7 was made up of more than 80% of *A. setosa*, a definite surface water species. However,  
8 during this period a similar peak was not found in the upper trap. Therefore, the flux  
9 peaks during March 2011 could be derived from some lateral advection at a depth lower  
10 than 180m or a re-suspension of shelf sediments.

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Table S1. Radiolarian counts of living and dead specimens (45µm-1 mm) in plankton tows at Station 32

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Fig. 1. Map of the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas showing the locations of sediment trap (solid triangle) and plankton tows (solid circles). Gray arrows indicate the cyclonic circulation of the Beaufort Gyre and the inflow of Pacific water through the Bering Strait, respectively.

Fig. 2. Depth distributions of total dead and living radiolarians at stations 32 (a), and 56 (b) in comparison to vertical profiles of temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen, and chlorophyll *a* (Nishino, 2013), and living radiolarian diversity index (Shannon and Weaver, 1949). The different water masses are identified as: Surface Mixed Layer (SML), Pacific Summer Water (PSW), Pacific Winter Water (PWW), Atlantic Water (AW), and Canada Basin Deep Water (CBDW).

Fig. 3. Compositions of living radiolarian assemblages in plankton samples through the upper 1000 m of the water columns at stations 32 (Northwind Abyssal Plain) (a) and 56 (southwestern Canada basin) (b).

Fig. 4. Depth distributions of fourteen living radiolarians in plankton samples at stations 32 (a) and 56 (b).

Fig. 5. (a) Total radiolarian fluxes, diversity index and sea-ice concentration in upper trap at Station NAP. 2 samples with fewer than 100 specimens are marked with asterisk. Sea-ice concentration data are from Reynolds et al. (2002) ([http://iridl.ldeo.columbia.edu/SOURCES/.IGOSS/.nmc/.Reyn\\_SmithOIv2/](http://iridl.ldeo.columbia.edu/SOURCES/.IGOSS/.nmc/.Reyn_SmithOIv2/)). (b) Radiolarian faunal compositions in upper trap at Station NAP. (c) Downward short wave radiation at the surface of sea-ice and ocean (after sea-ice opening) around Station



1 NAP from National Centers for Environmental Prediction-Climate Forecast System  
2 Reanalysis (NCEP-CFSR) (Saha et al., 2010). (d) Total radiolarian fluxes and  
3 Shannon-Weaver diversity index in the lower trap at Station NAP. 13 samples with  
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12 Summary information of previous sediment trap studies in the North Pacific Ocean is  
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23 indet., juvenile forms same specimen. NAP10t Deep #12. 20–23. *Pseudodictyophimus*  
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9 specimen. NAP10t Deep #12. 6, 7, 8. *Tripodiscium gephyristes*, same specimen.  
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29 *furcaspiculata* (Popofsky, 1908). same specimen. NAP10t Deep #12. 12–13.  
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12 1885), same specimen. NAP10t Deep #18.  
13 Scale bar= 100 µm for all figures.

Table 1. Logistic and sample information for the vertical plankton tows for radiolarian standing stock (S. S.) at two stations during R/V Mirai Cruise MR13-06

Station ID		Sampling time (UTC)	Depth interval (m)	Flow water mass (m <sup>3</sup> )	Aliquot size	Living radiolarian S. S. (count)	Dead radiolarian S. S. (count)	Total radiolarian S. S. (count)
Station 32	74°32' N, 161°54'W	1:24	0-100	20.4	1/4	247 (1257)	75 (381)	322 (1638)
		1:22	100-250	27.2	1/4	96 (654)	116 (790)	212 (1444)
Date	09 Sep 2013	1:18	250-500	39.7	1/2	11 (215)	20 (397)	31 (612)
		1:10	500-1000	79.3	1/2	12 (462)	17 (665)	29 (1127)
Station 56	73°48' N, 159°59'W	17:36	0-100	15.8	1/4	499 (1968)	677 (2671)	1176 (4639)
		17:34	100-250	23.8	1/2	265 (3156)	480 (5711)	745 (8867)
Date	27 Sep 2013	17:30	250-500	40.8	1/2	55 (1125)	276 (5627)	331 (6752)
		17:22	500-1000	81.8	1/2	25 (1034)	83 (3381)	108 (4415)

Table 2. Locations, mooring depths, standard sampling interval, and sampled duration of sediment trap station in the western Arctic Ocean

Trap station	Latitude	Longitude	Water depth	Mooring depth (m)	Standard sampling interval	Sampled interval
NAP10t	75°00' N	162°00'W	1975	184 (upper), 1300 (lower)	10-15	4 October 2010–28 September 2011
NAP11t	75°00' N	162°00'W	1975	260 (upper), 1360 (lower)	10-15	4 October 2011–18 September 2012

\* Details of the exact durations for each sample are shown in tables S3 and S4.

Table 3. List of 51 radiolarian taxa encountered in the plankton tow and sediment trap samples

	Taxa	References
Phylum	Rhizaria, Cavalier-Smith (2002)	
Class	Radiolaria, Müller (1858)	
Sub-class	Polycystina, Ehrenberg (1838); emend. Riedel (1967)	
Order	Spumellaria, Ehrenberg (1875)	
Family	Actinommidae, Haeckel (1862); emend. Riedel (1967)	
	<i>Actinomma boreale</i> , Cleve (1899)	Cortese and Bjørklund (1998), Plate 1, Figs. 1–18
	<i>Actinomma leptodermum leptodermum</i> , Jørgensen (1900)	Cortese and Bjørklund (1998), Plate 2, Figs. 1–14
	<i>Actinomma</i> morphogroup A	
	<i>Actinomma leptodermum</i> , Jørgensen (1900); <i>longispinum</i> , Cortese and Bjørklund (1998)	Cortese and Bjørklund (1998), Plate 2, Figs. 15–22
	<i>Actinomma leptodermum longispinum</i> juvenile	
	<i>Actinommidae</i> spp. juvenile forms	
	<i>Actinomma turidae</i> , Kruglikova and Bjørklund (2009)	Kruglikova et al. (2009), Plate 5, Figs. 1–35, Plate 6, Figs. 1–28
	<i>Actinomma</i> morphogroup B	
	<i>Actinomma</i> morphogroup B juvenile	
	* <i>Drymyomma elegans</i> , Jørgensen (1900)	Dolven et al. (2014), Plate 1, Figs. 5-7
	* <i>Actinomma friedrichdreyeri</i> , Burridge, Bjørklund and Kruglikova (2013)	Burridge et al. (2013), Plate 6, Figs. 7-15, Plate 7, Figs. 3-15
	<i>Arachnosphaera dichotoma</i> , Jørgensen (1900)	Dolven et al. (2014), Plate 1, Figs. 1-4
Family	Litheliidae, Haeckel (1862)	
	* <i>Streblacantha circumtexta?</i> Jørgensen (1905)	
Family	Spongodiscidae, Haeckel (1862)	
	<i>Spongotrochus glacialis</i> , Popofsky (1908)	Bjørklund et al. (1998), Plate I, Fig. 3
	<i>Stylodictya</i> sp.	
Order	Entactinaria, Kozur and Mostler (1982)	
	<i>Cleveplegma boreale</i> , Cleve (1899)	Dumitrica (2013), Plate 1, Figs. 1-9
	<i>Joergensenium</i> sp. A	
	<i>Joergensenium</i> sp. B	
Order	Nassellaria, Ehrenberg (1875)	
Family	Sethophormididae, Haeckel (1881); emend. Petrushevskaya (1971)	
	<i>Enneaphormis rotula</i> , Haeckel (1881)	Petrushevskaya (1971), Fig. 31, I-III
	<i>Enneaphormis enneastrum</i> , Haeckel (1887)	Petrushevskaya (1971), Fig. 32, IV, V
	<i>Protoscenium simplex</i> , Cleve (1899)	Bjørklund et al. (2014), Plate 9, Figs. 15-17
Family	Plagiacanthidae, Hertwig (1879); emend. Petrushevskaya (1971)	
	* <i>Arachnocorys umbellifera</i> , Haeckel (1862)	Welling (1996), Plate 14, Figs. 24-27
	<i>Ceratocyrtis histricosus</i> , Jørgensen (1905)	Petrushevskaya (1971), Fig. 52, II-IV
	<i>Ceratocyrtis galeus</i> , Cleve (1899)	Bjørklund et al. (2014), Plate 8, Figs. 1 and 2
	* <i>Cladoscenium tricolpium</i> , Haeckel (1887)	Bjørklund (1976), Plate 7, Figs. 5-8
	<i>Cladoscenium tricolpium?</i>	
	<i>Lophophaena clevei</i> , Petrushevskaya (1971)	Petrushevskaya (1971), Fig. 57, I
	<i>Phormacantha hystrix</i> , Jørgensen (1900)	Dolven et al. (2014), Plate 6, Figs. 20-24
	* <i>Peridium longispinum?</i> , Jørgensen (1900)	Bjørklund et al. (1998), Plate II, Figs. 26 and 27
	<i>Plectacantha oikiskos</i> , Jørgensen (1905)	Dolven et al. (2014), Plate 7, Figs. 7-9
	<i>Pseudodictyophimus clevei</i> , Jørgensen (1900)	Bjørklund et al. (2014), Plate 9, Figs. 5-7
	<i>Pseudodictyophimus gracilipes gracilipes</i> , Bailey (1856)	Bjørklund et al. (1998), Plate II, Figs. 7 and 8
	<i>Pseudodictyophimus</i> spp. juvenile forms	
	<i>Pseudodictyophimus gracilipes</i> , Bailey (1856); <i>bicornis</i> , Ehrenberg (1862)	Bjørklund and Kruglikova (2003), Plate V, Figs. 16-19
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	<i>Pseudodictyophimus plathycephalus</i> , Haeckel (1887)	Bjørklund and Kruglikova (2003), Plate V, Figs. 1-5
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Family	Eucyrtidiidae, Ehrenberg (1847); emend. Petrushevskaya (1971)	
	<i>Artostrobos annulatus</i> , Bailey (1856)	Bjørklund et al. (2014), Plate 9, Figs. 1-4
	<i>Artostrobos joergenseni</i> , Petrushevskaya (1967)	Petrushevskaya (1971), Fig. 92, VIII-IX
	* <i>Cornutella stylophaena</i> , Ehrenberg (1854)	Petrushevskaya (1967), Fig. 59, I-III
	* <i>Cornutella longiseta</i> , Ehrenberg (1854)	Petrushevskaya (1967), Fig. 62, I-II, Fig. 58, VIII
	<i>Cycladophora davisiana</i> , Ehrenberg (1862)	Bjørklund et al. (1998), Plate II, Figs. 1 and 6
	<i>Lithocampe platycephala</i> , Ehrenberg (1873)	Bjørklund et al. (1998), Plate II, Figs. 23–25
	<i>Lithocampe aff. furcaspiculata</i> , Popofsky (1908)	Petrushevskaya (1967), Fig. 74, I-IV
	<i>Sethoconus tabulatus</i> , Ehrenberg (1873)	Bjørklund et al. (2014), Plate 9, Figs. 10 and 11
Family	Cannobotryidae, Haeckel (1881); emend. Riedel (1967)	
	<i>Amphimelissa setosa</i> , Cleve (1899)	Bjørklund et al. (1998), Plate II, Figs. 30–33
	<i>Amphimelissa setosa</i> juvenile	
Class	Cercozoa, Cavalier-Smith (1998); emend. Adl et al. (2005)	
Order	Phaeodaria, Haeckel (1879)	
	<i>Lirella melo</i> , Cleve (1899)	Bjørklund et al. (2014), Plate 11, Figs. 5 and 6
	<i>Protocystis harstoni</i> , Murray (1885)	Takahashi and Honjo (1981), Plate 11, Fig. 11

All taxa are found in the trap, and \* refer to taxa found in trap only.



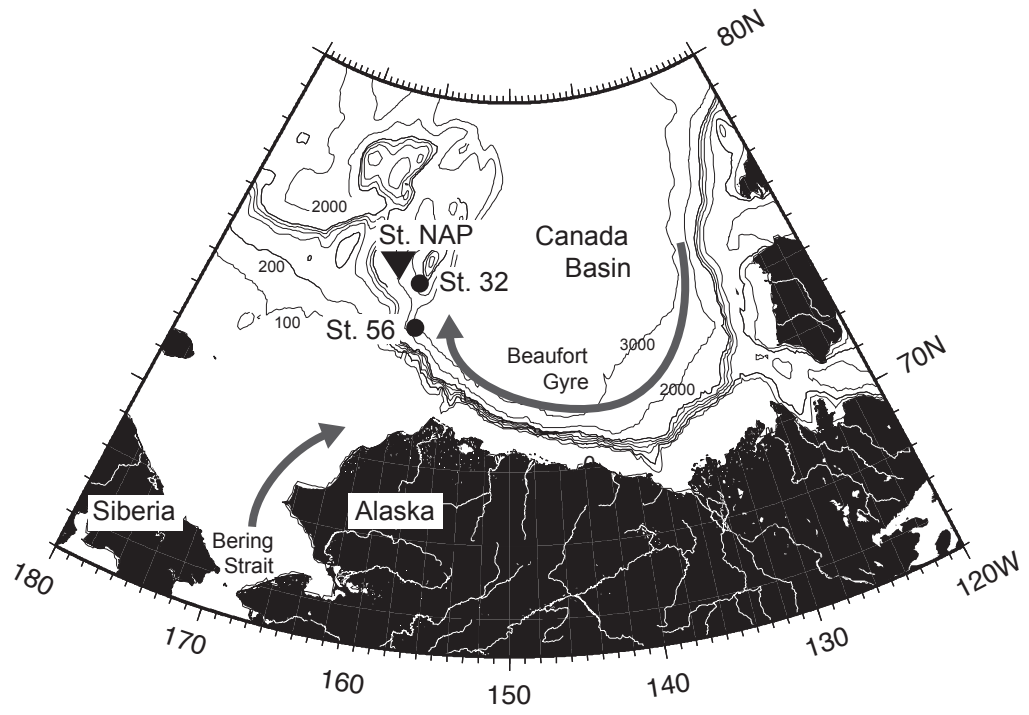


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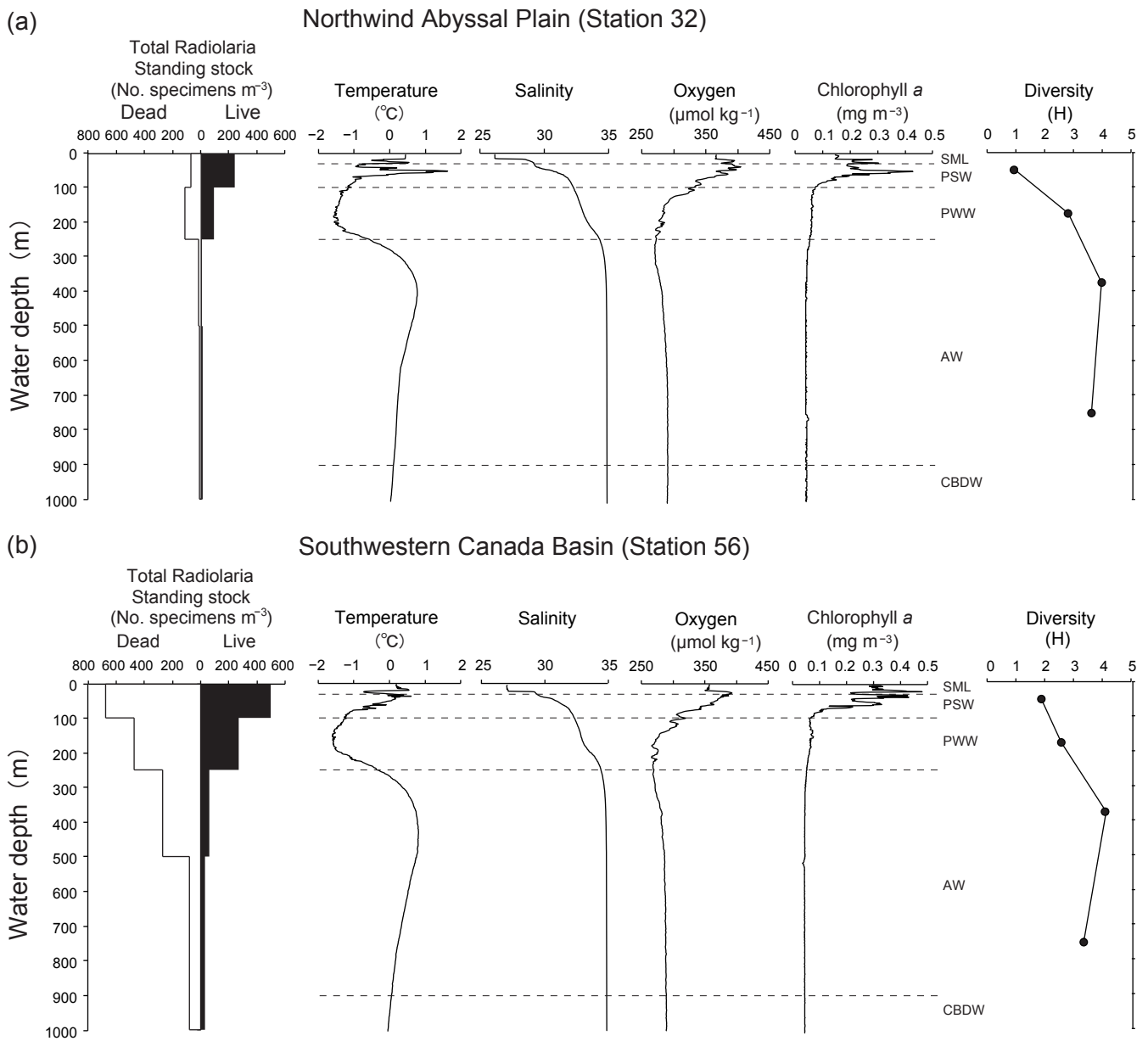


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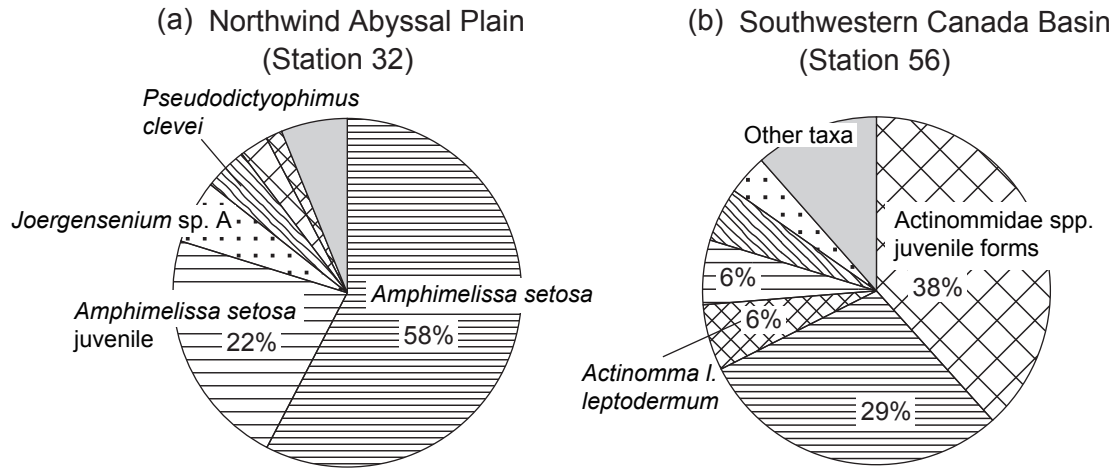
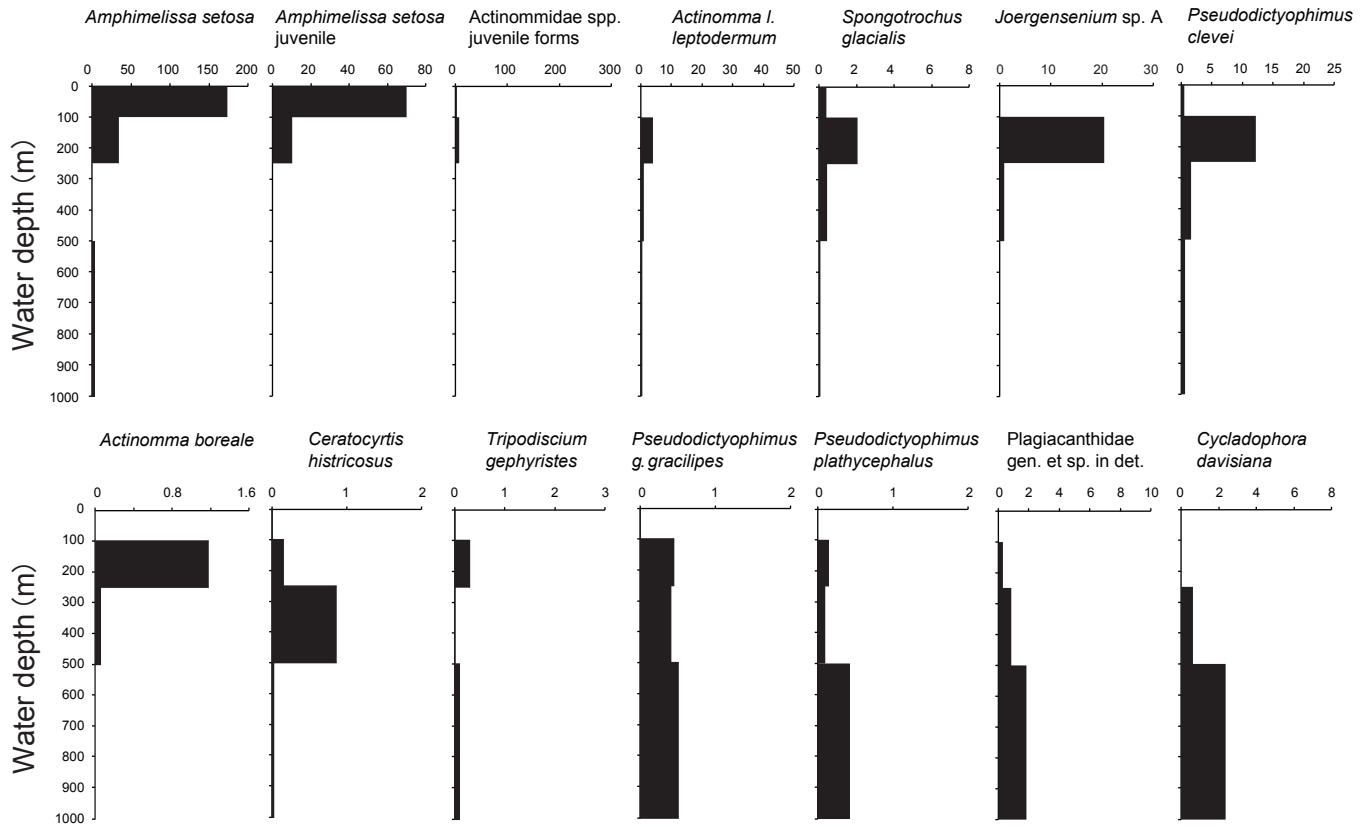


Fig. 3

(a)

### Northwind Abyssal Plain (Station 32)

Standing stock (No. specimens m<sup>-3</sup>)



(b)

### Southwestern Canada Basin (Station 56)

Standing stock (No. specimens m<sup>-3</sup>)

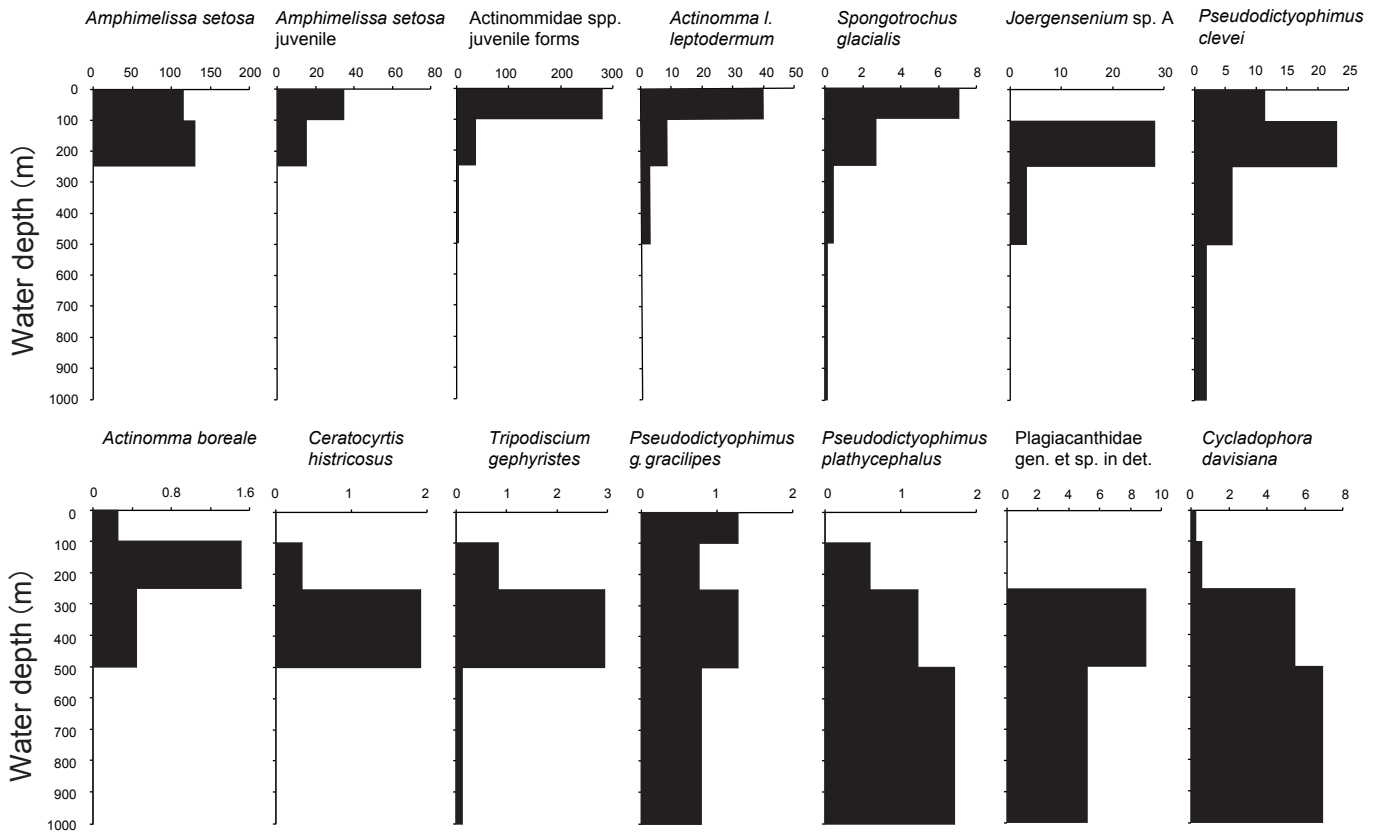
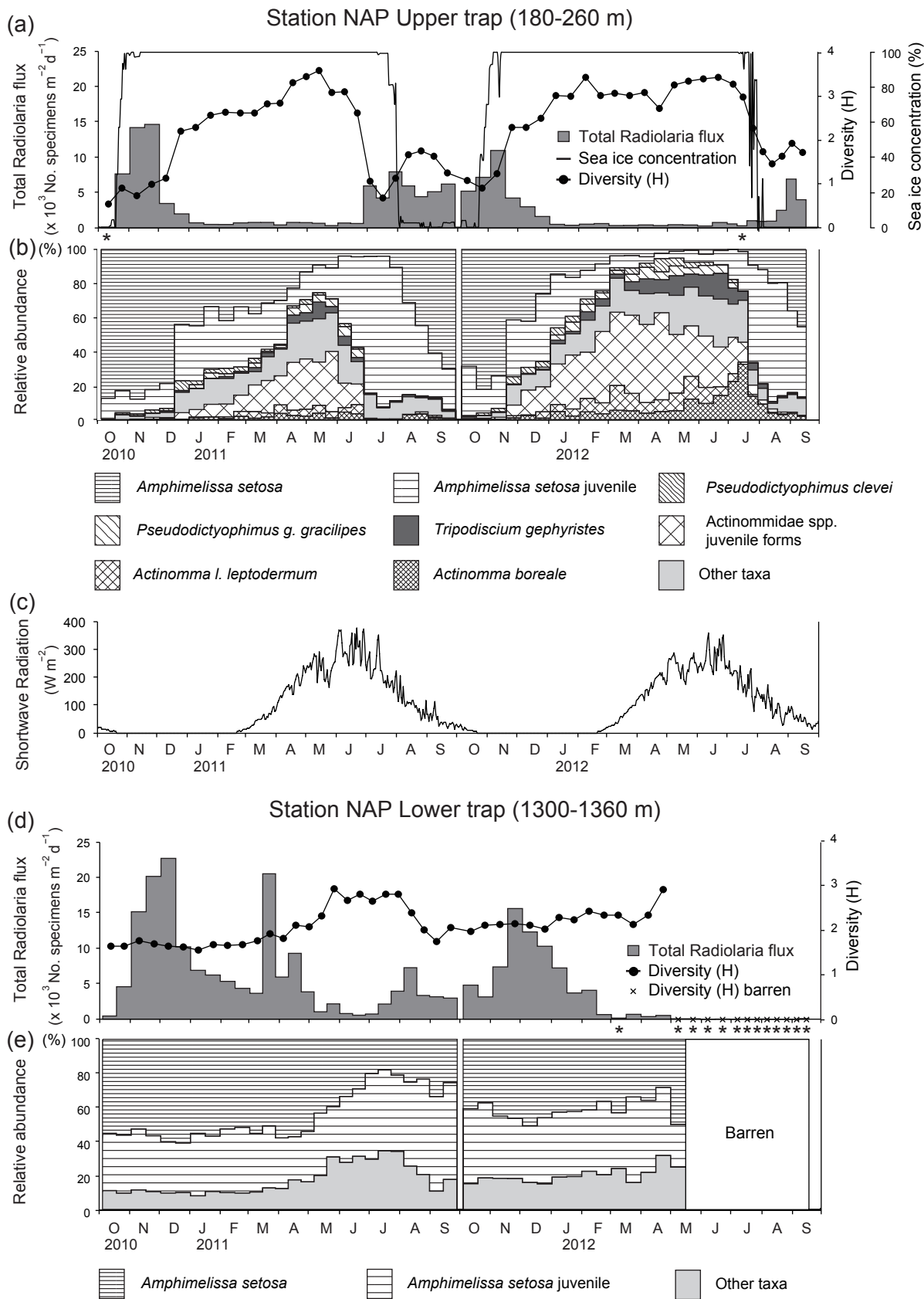


Fig. 4



**Fig. 5**

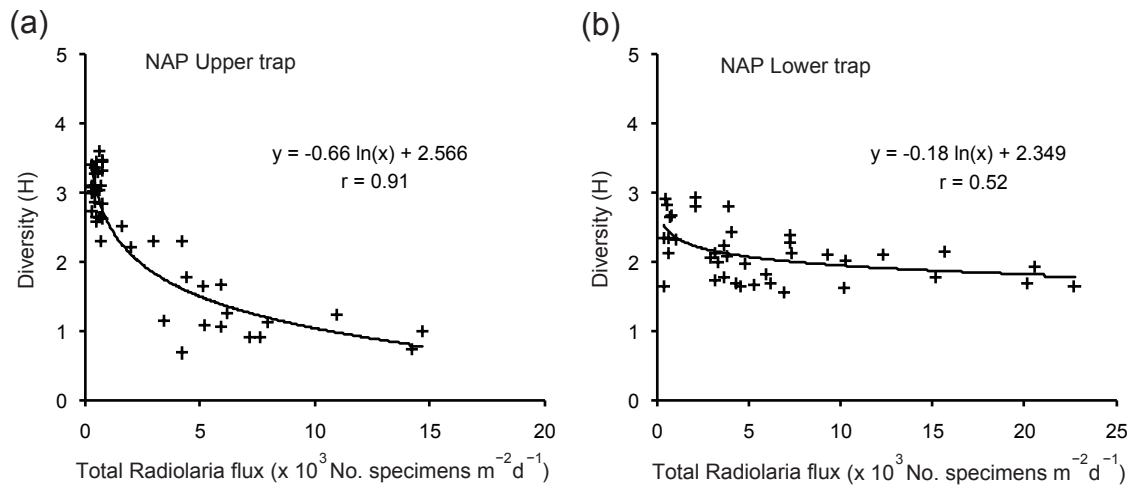


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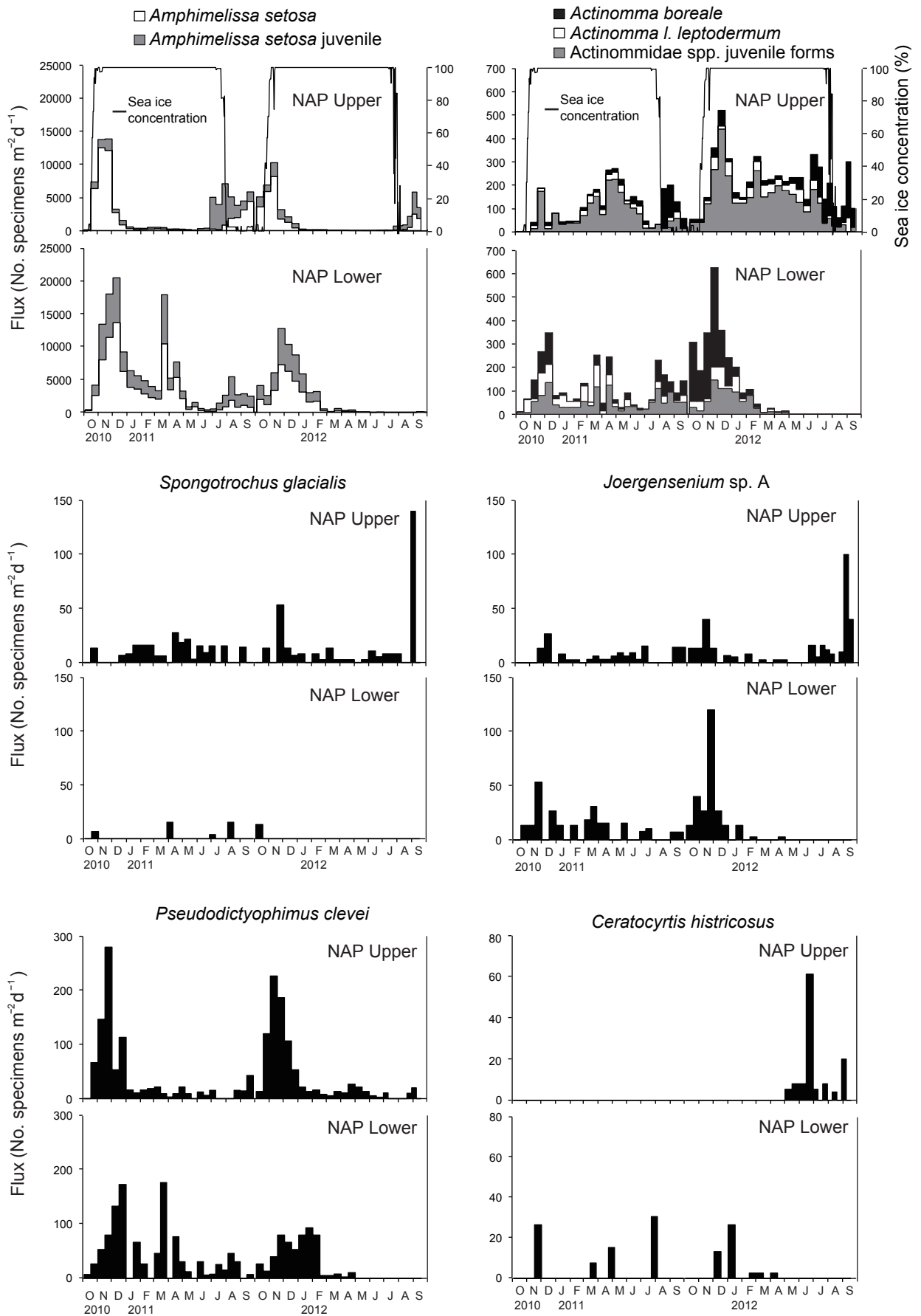


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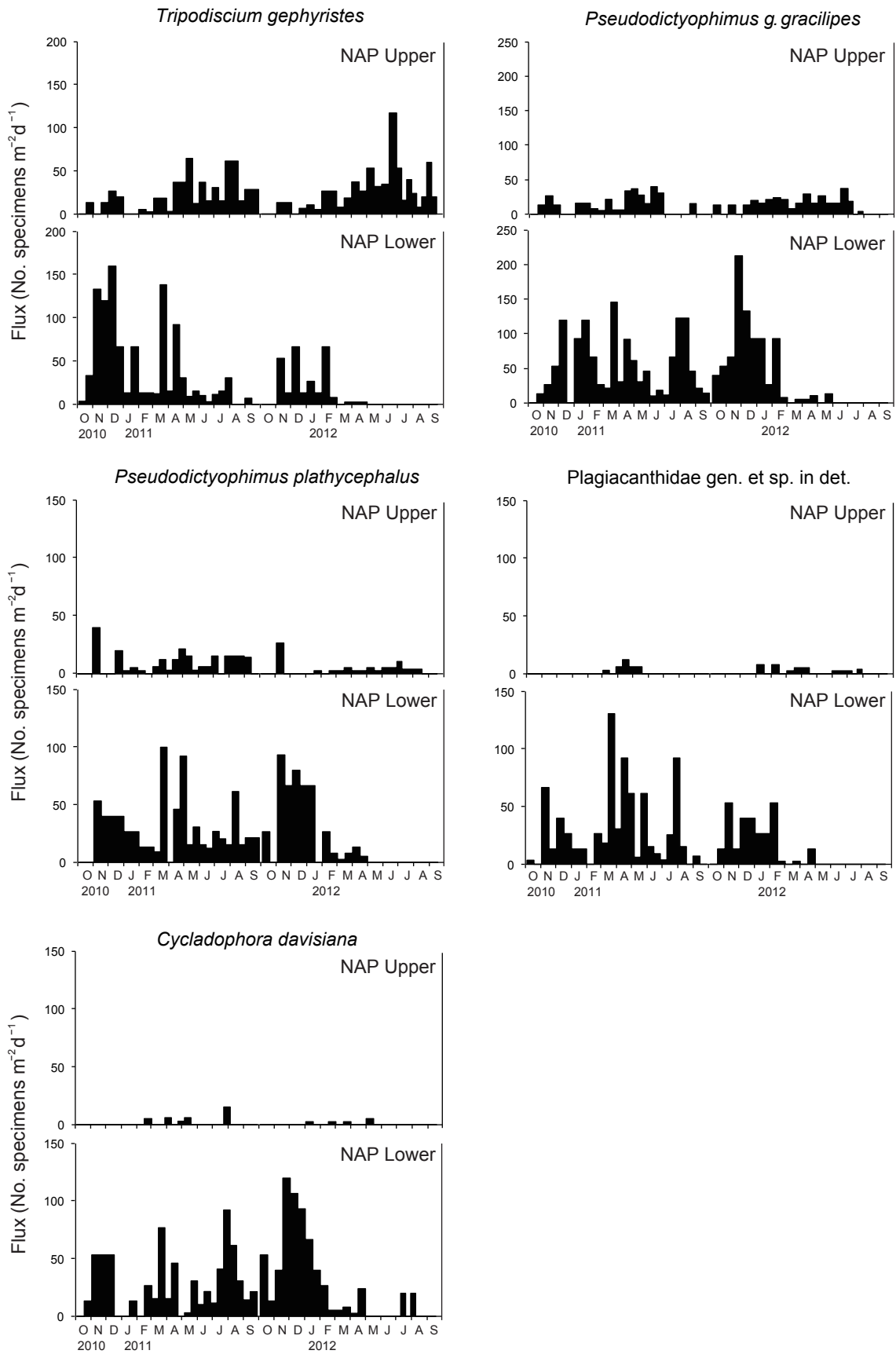


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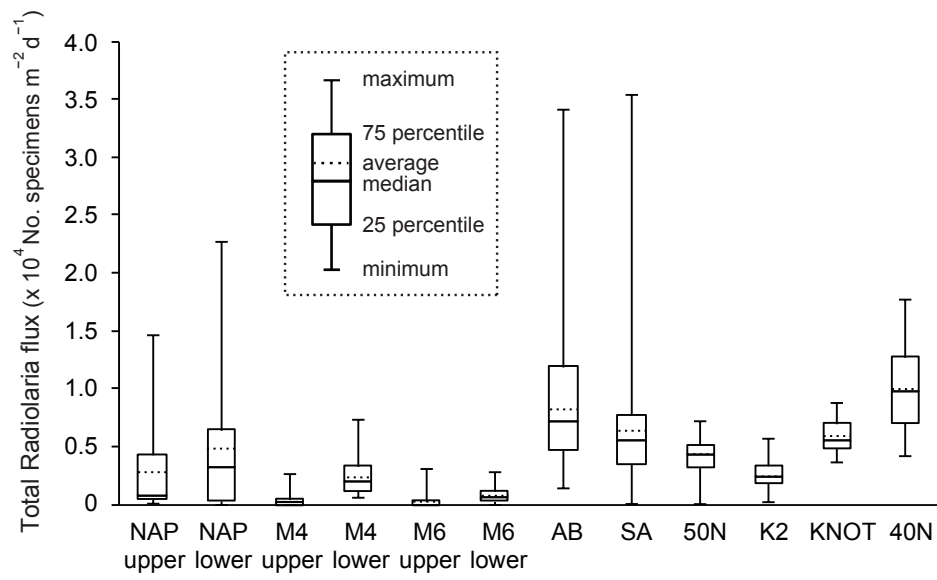


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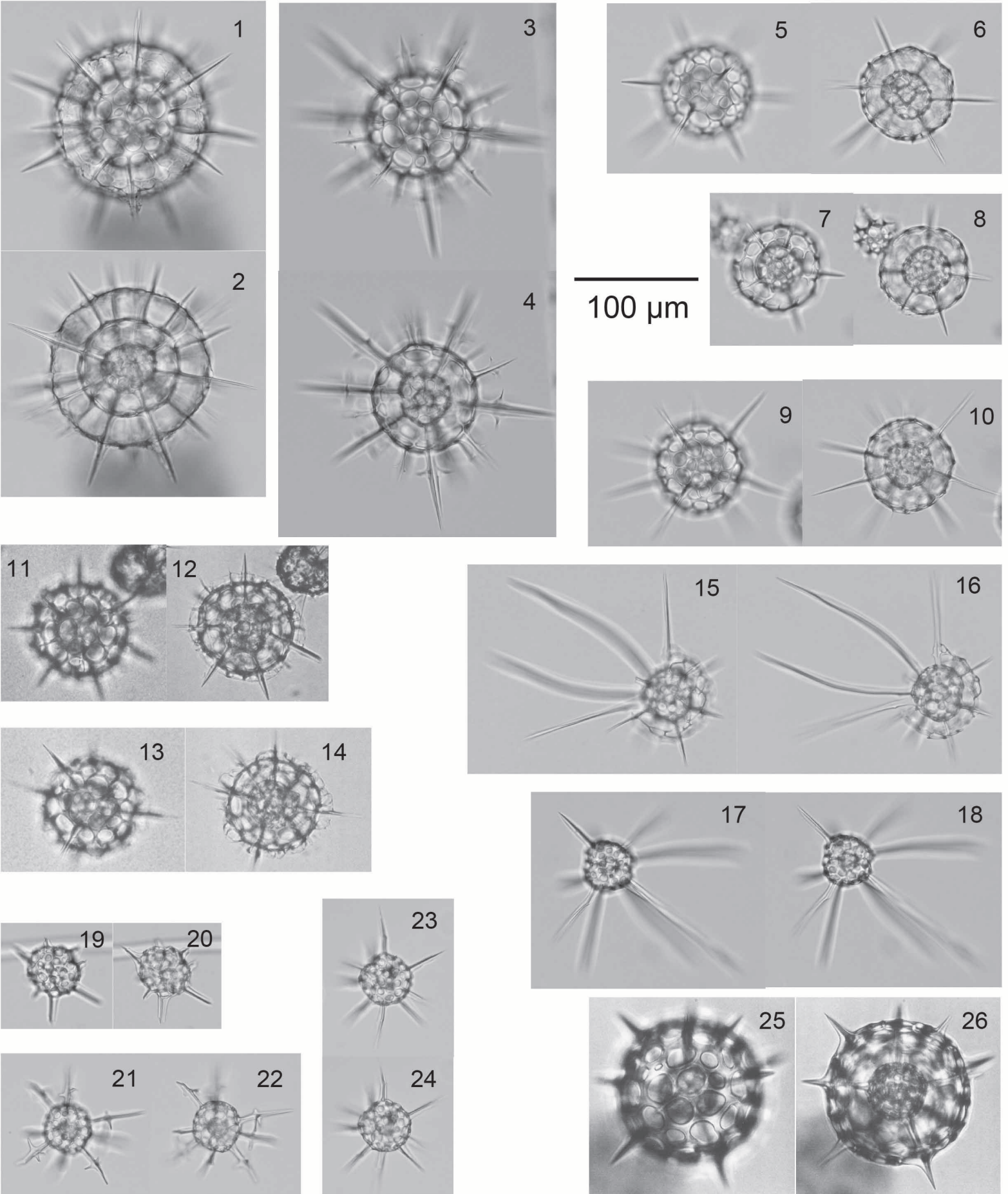
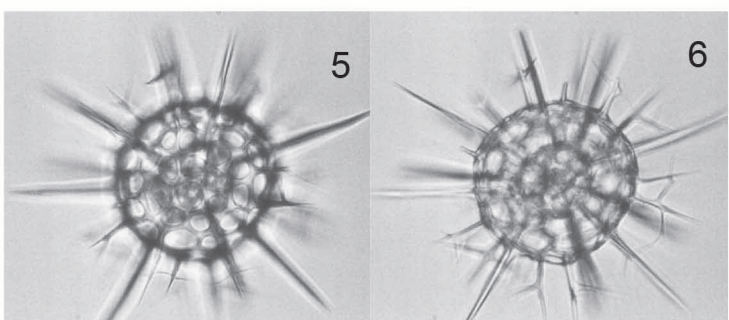
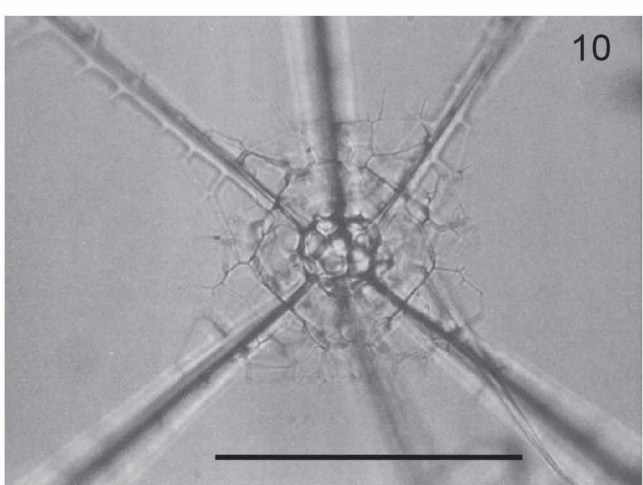
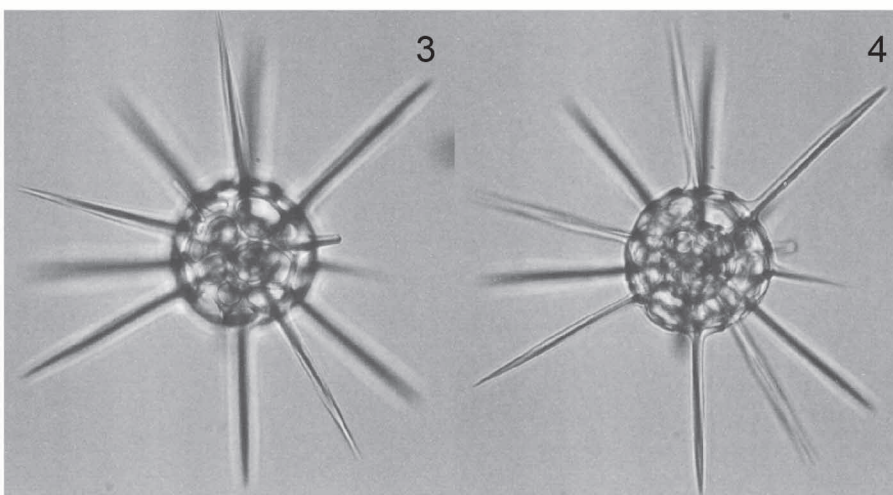
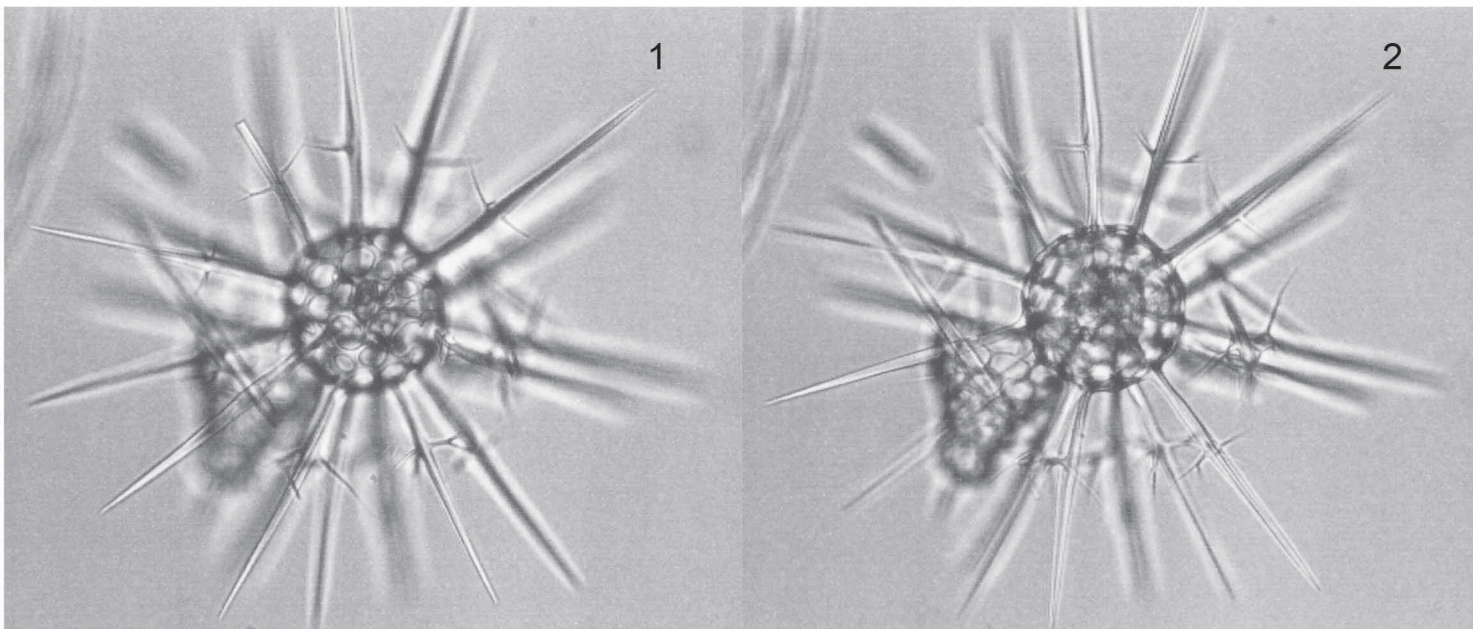


Plate 1





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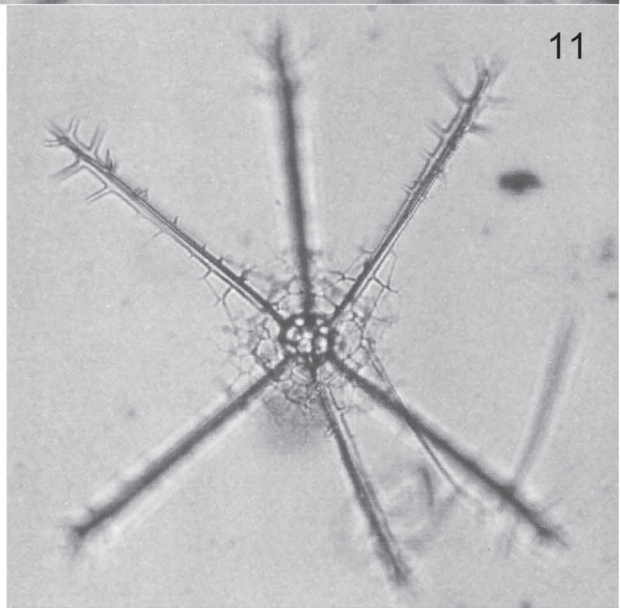
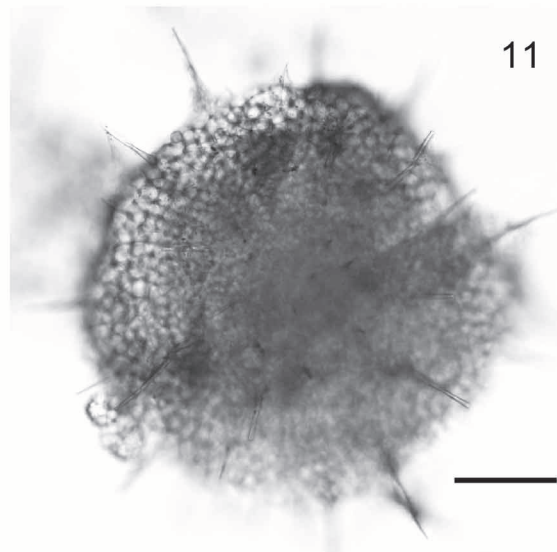
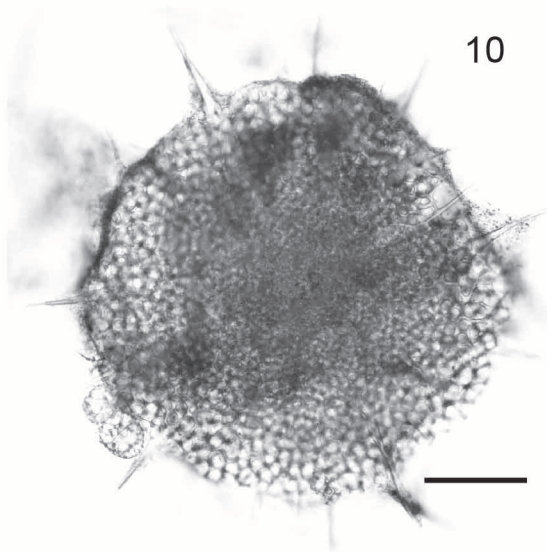
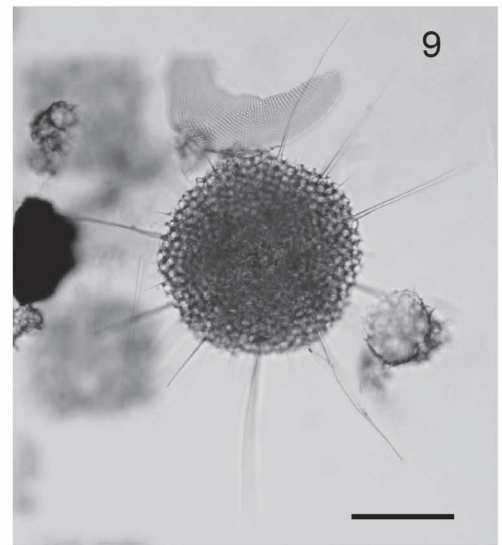
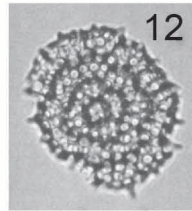
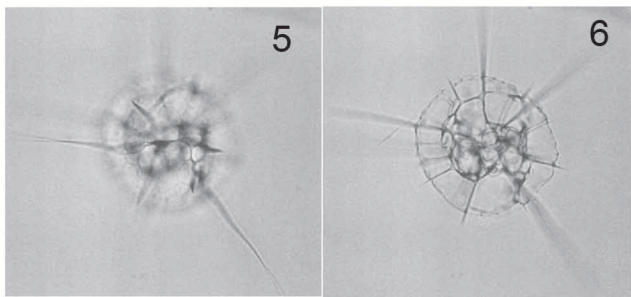
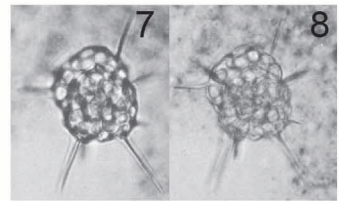
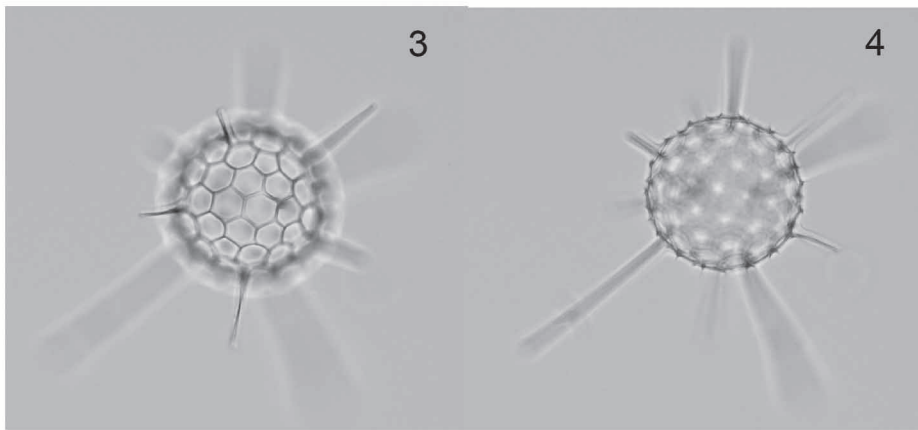
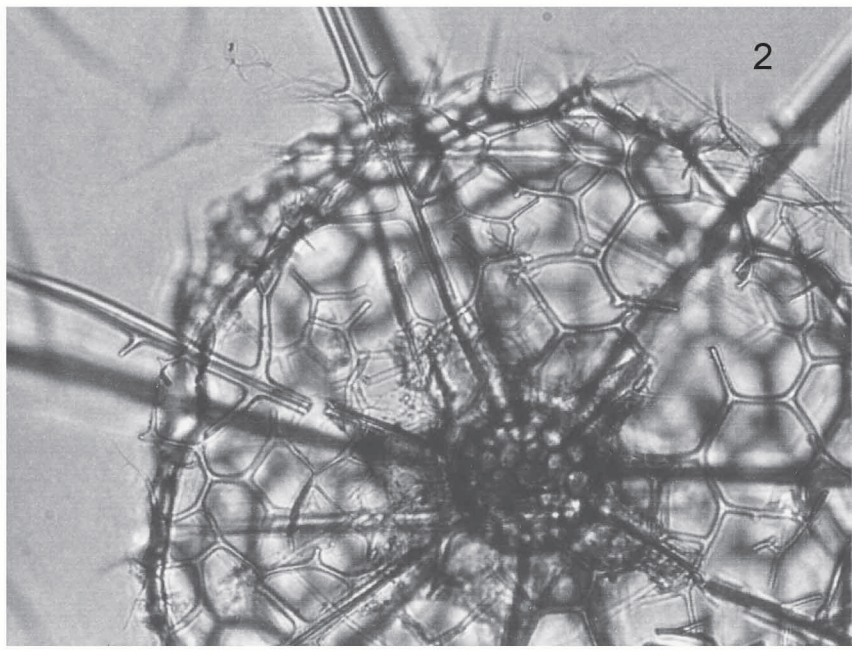
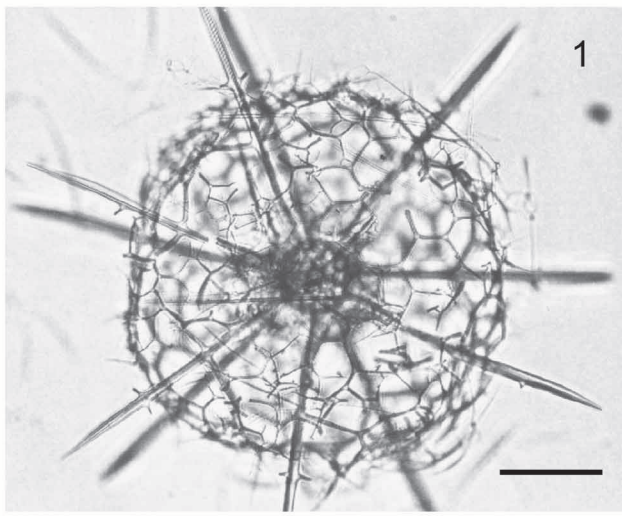
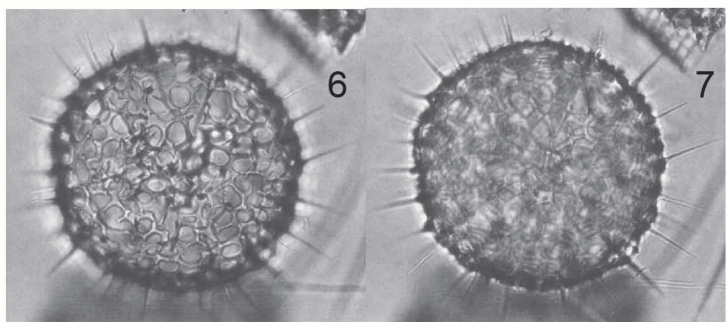
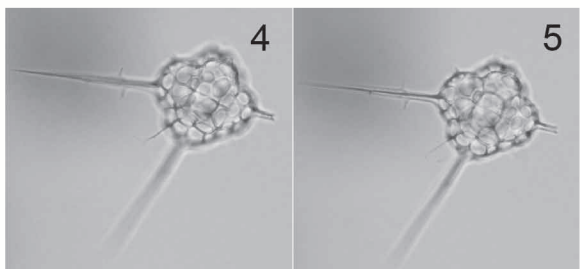


Plate 2





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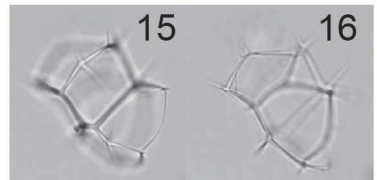
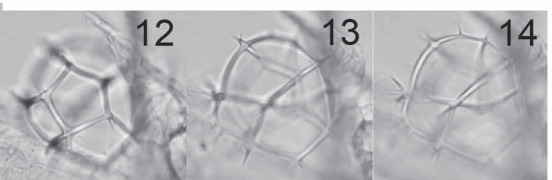
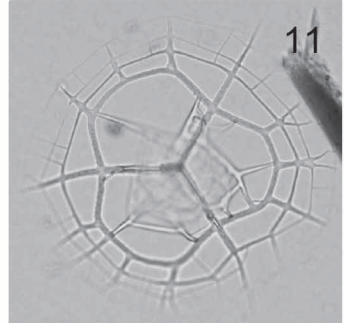
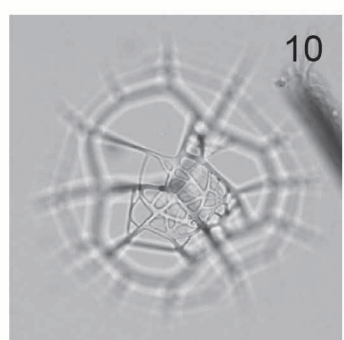
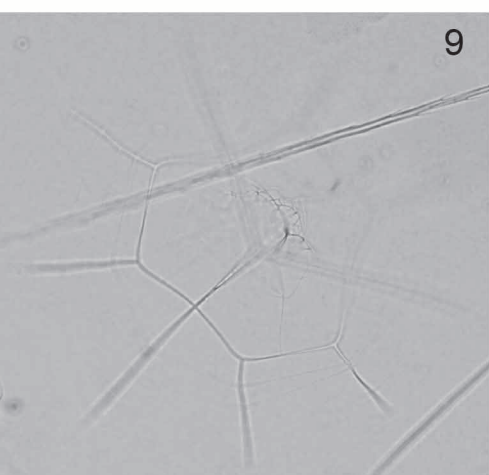
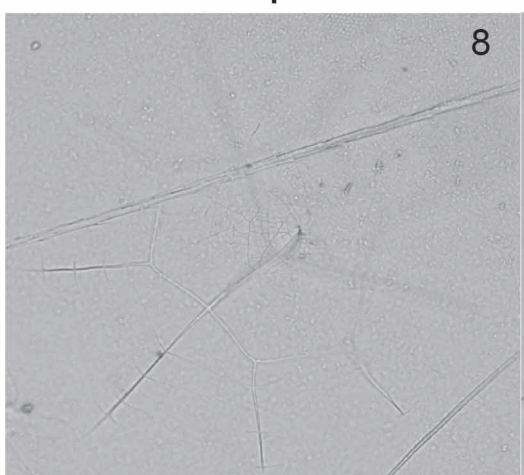


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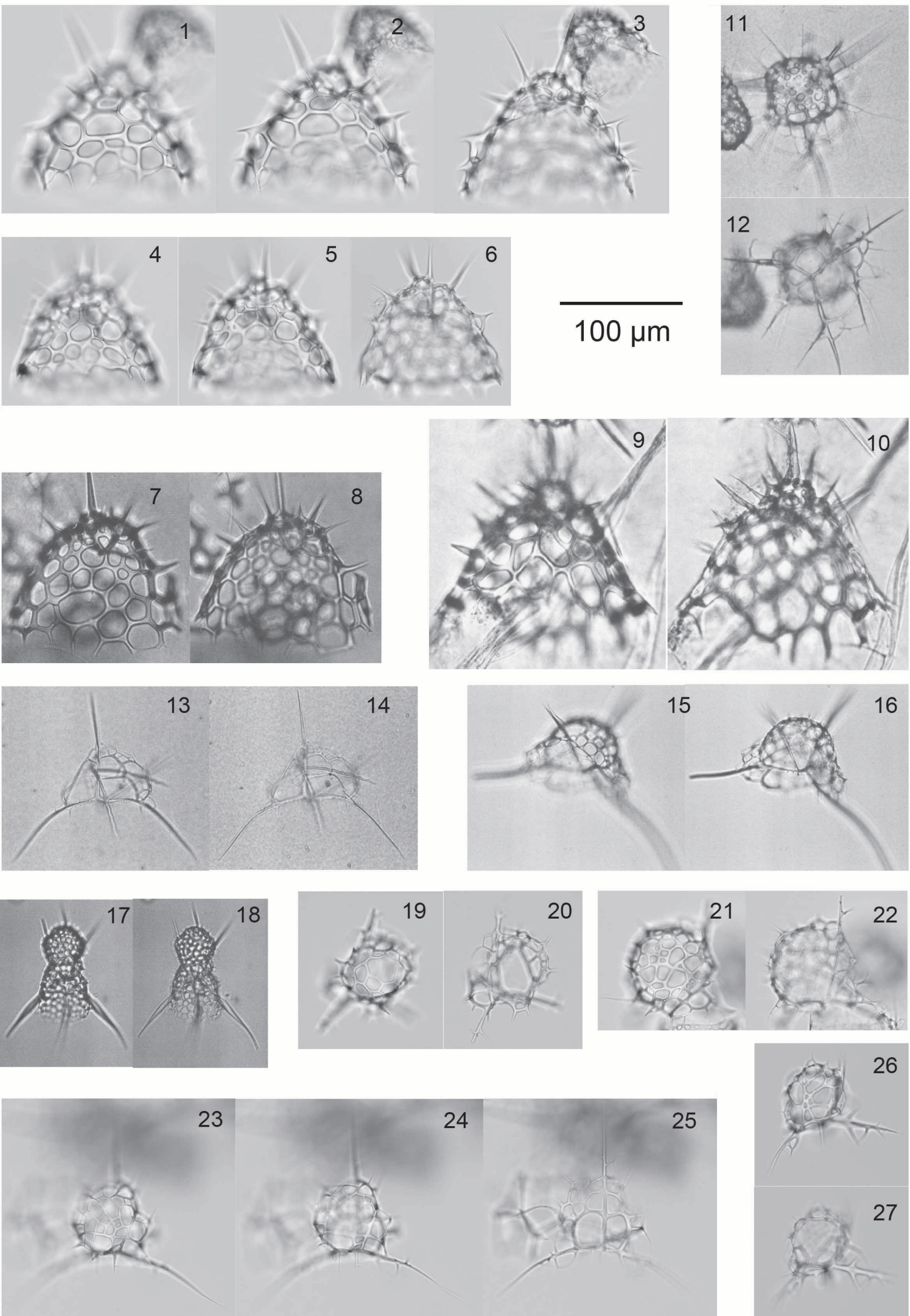


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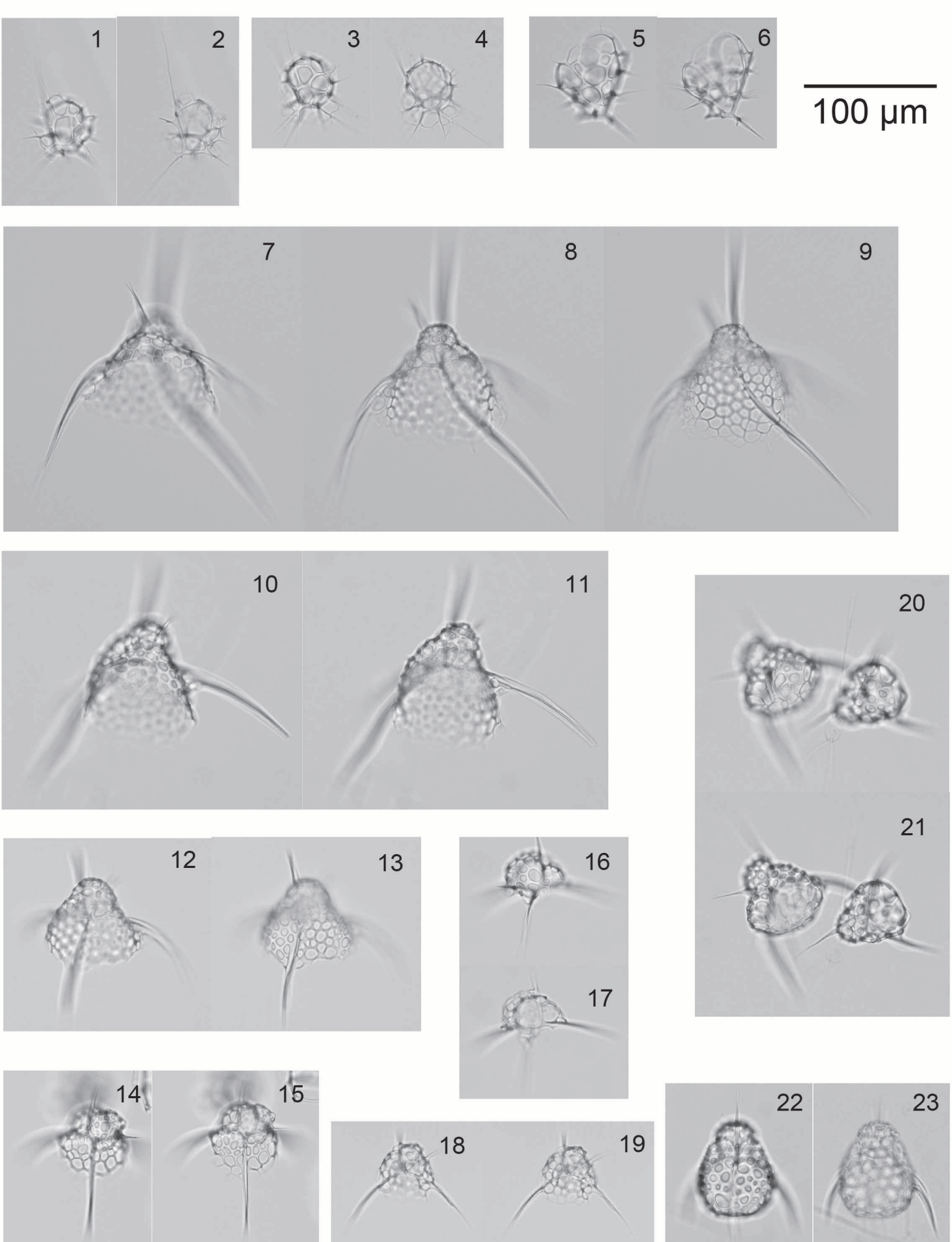
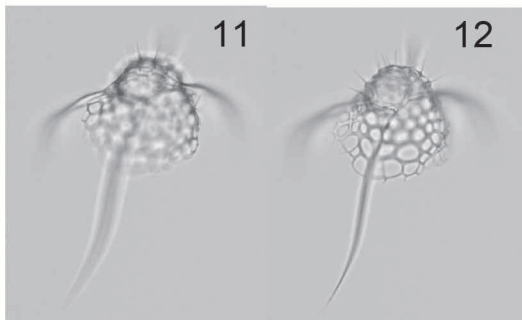
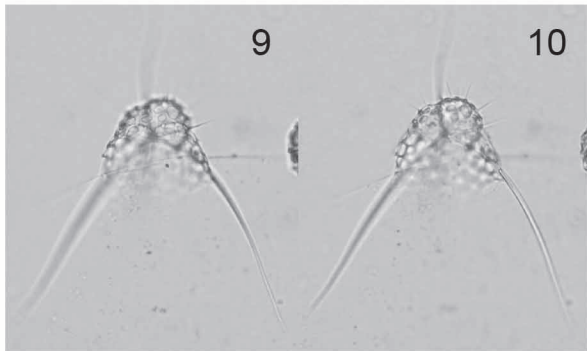
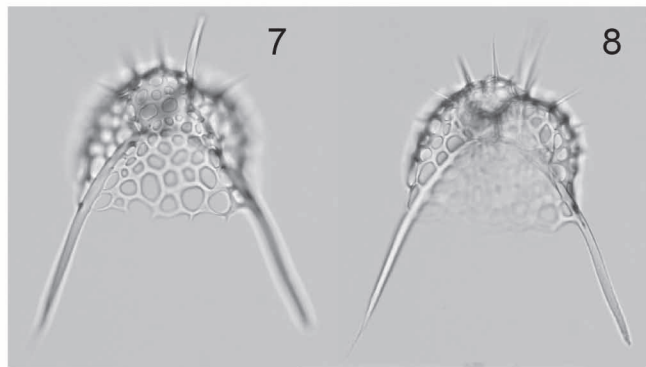
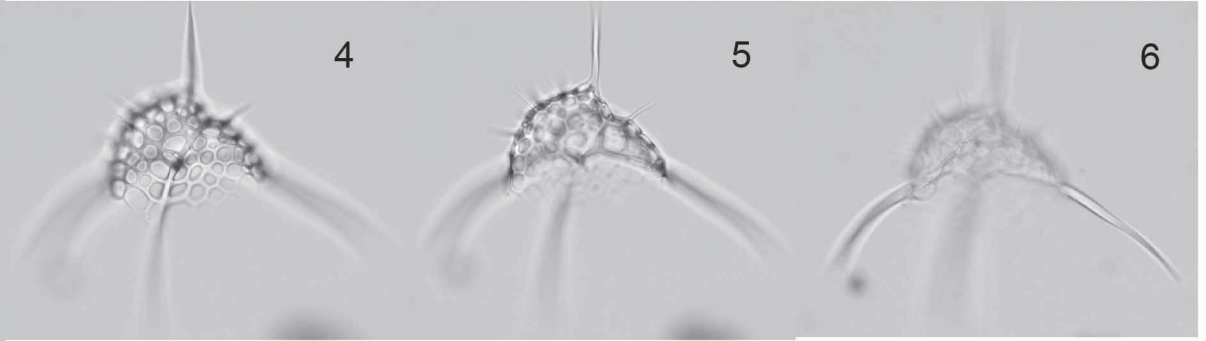
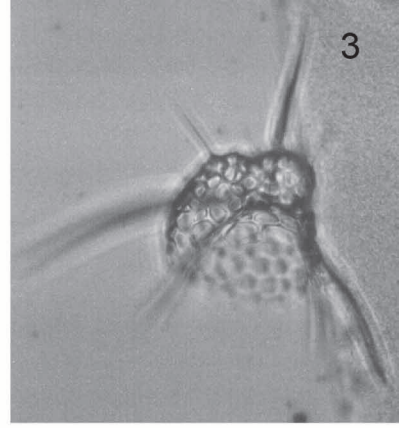
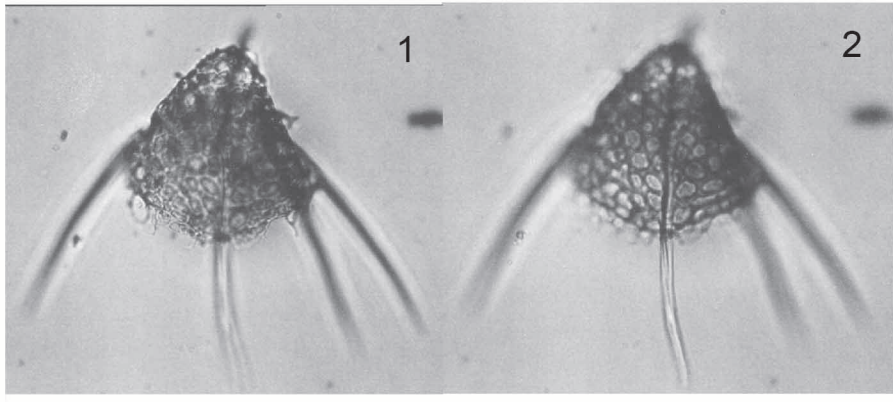


Plate 6





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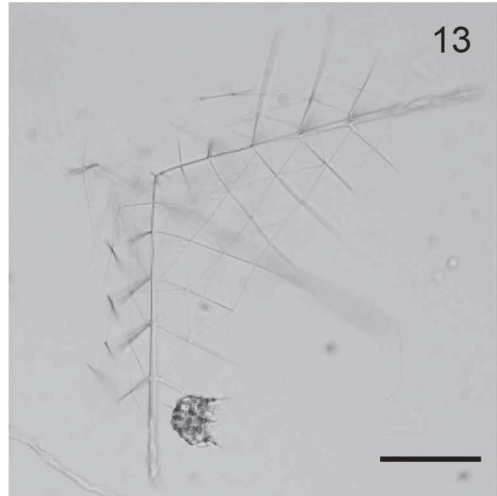
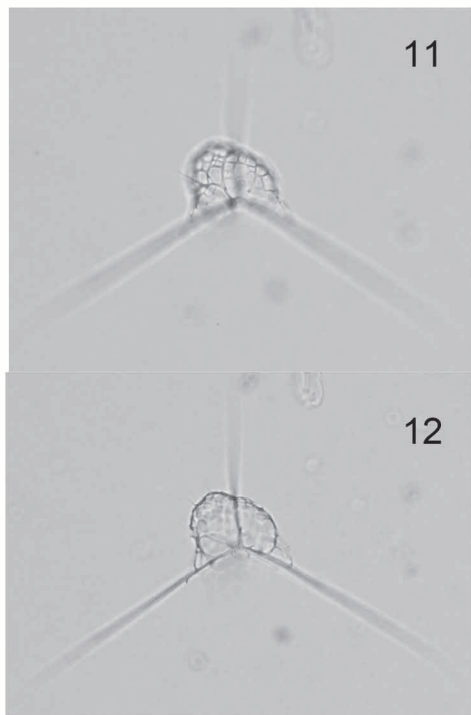
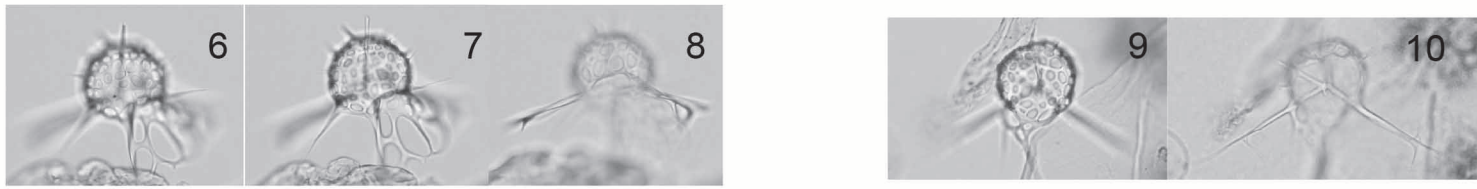
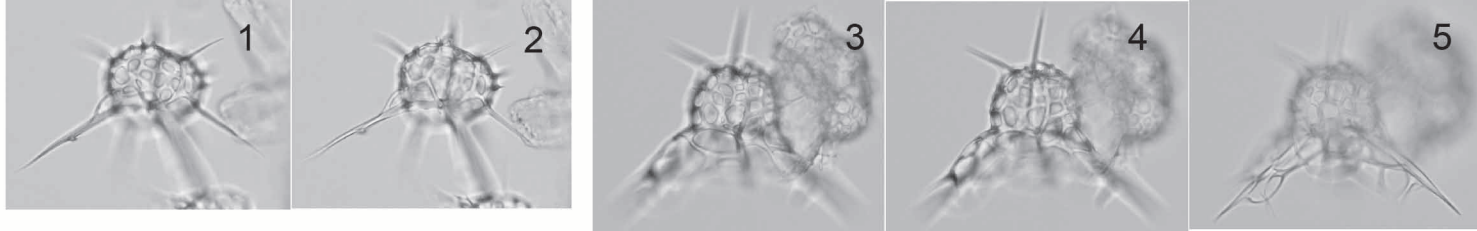
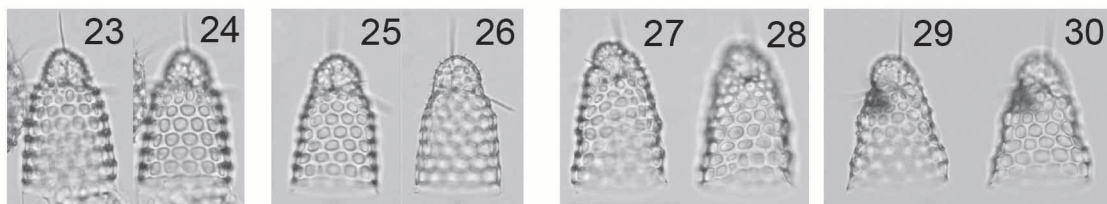
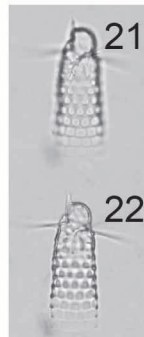
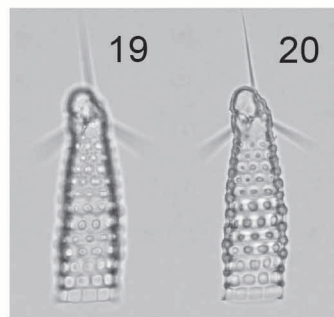
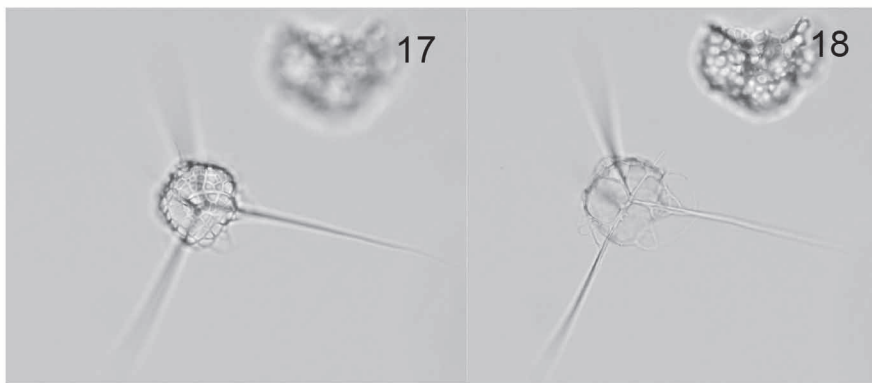
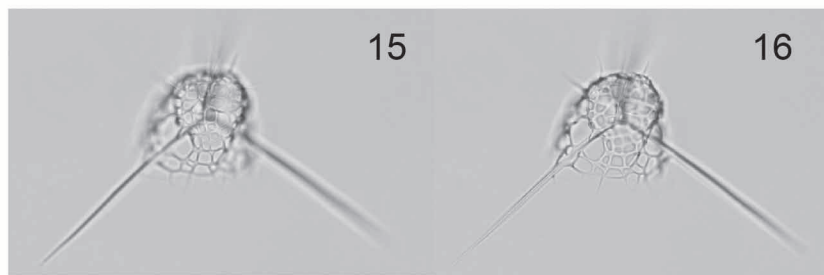
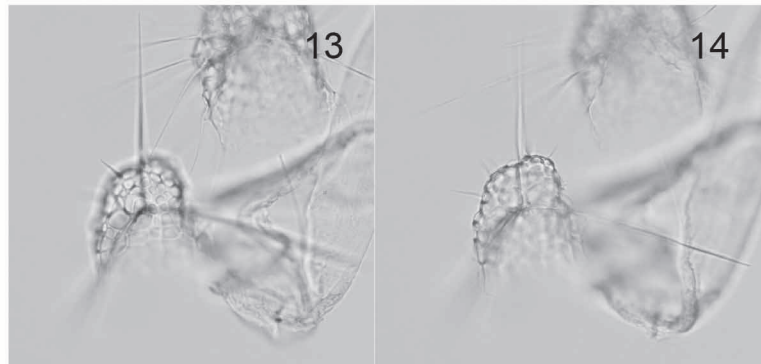


Plate 7





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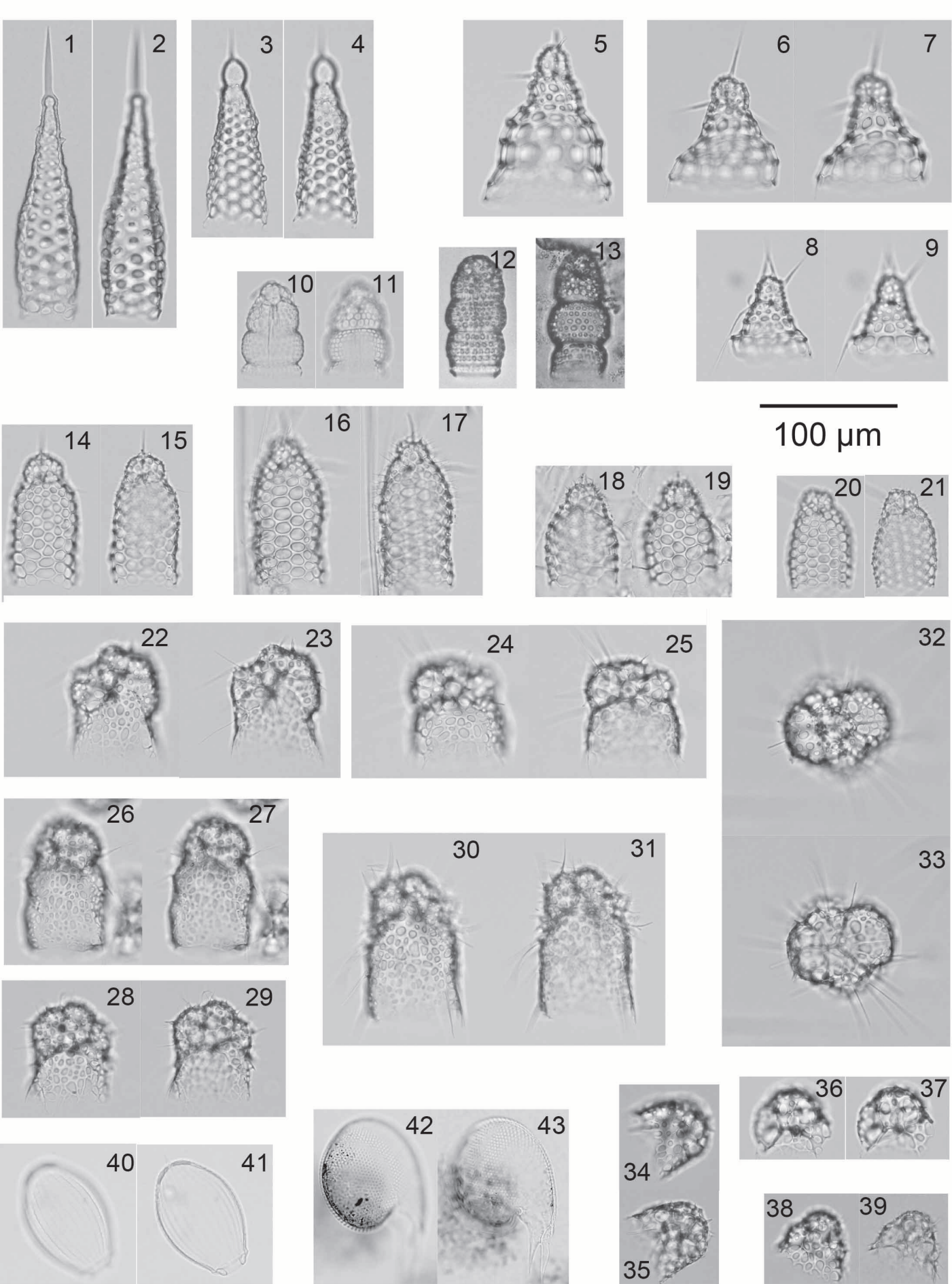


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