

## ***Interactive comment on “The first records of deep-sea fauna – a correction and discussion” by The first records of deep-sea fauna***

### **The first records of deep-sea fauna**

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This is a repetition of the comments Referee #2 gave on an earlier version of the manuscript. The exclamation marks had already been reduced to two which are in our opinion justified.

With respect to the extensive treatment of the crinoids, we are aware that this might seem lengthy for some readers. Yet we think that the crinoids really deserve this length because they really were the first published records of deep-sea fauna. Furthermore they were also the group for which the concept of "living fossils" was developed around 1760. This in turn would later emerge as an important argument why it should be scientifically worthwhile to investigate the Fauna of the deep-sea bottoms.

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Finally we would like to give the reason why we did not include *Neocrinus blakei* (Carpenter, 1882) in our discussion. This is a post-Challenger species dredged during cruises of the U.S. steamer Blake 1878-79. It is therefore not part of the "early" records of deep-sea fauna.

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