

## ***Interactive comment on “Deep, diverse and definitely different: unique attributes of the world’s largest ecosystem” by E. Ramirez-Llodra et al.***

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This is a splendid and timely up-to-date summary of our knowledge of the deep sea, and I recommend its rapid publication! Below are some suggested changes, mainly very minor. Page 2366 line 3 Gorgonocephalus is misspelled. 2368 line 7 delete contiguous and insert continuous; delete "for life". 2369 line 28 delete compose and insert comprise. 2370 line 2 "their" smaller...; latter for later. 2374 line 9 delete "deep" 2375 line 26-27 Can you cite a reference for estimating age of vestimentiferans?? 2377 line 6 delete "does"; make 'refer" plural 2377 line 7 insert "it also" after "but" 2399 line 18. Should "vertical" be "horizontal"? 2381 line 10 insert "those of" after "from" 2382 line 2 make "source" plural, insert comma after "energy"; line 17, either delete "tightly" or substitute "closely". 2389 line 27 Check spelling of Stylastridae 2390 line 6 substitute

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"of" for "for", and "recent" for "the last fifteen" 2391 line 21 delete "The results of"; insert "that" after "revealed" 2391 line 22 replace "as" with "is" 2392 line 10 Are you talking about local versus regional diversity. If so, state so. 2394 line 21 replace "specialist" with 'student" 2395 line 20 Cyathidium is strictly a sessile, stalkless crinoid 2395 line 23 citation should be "Wisshak et al. 2400 line 10 insert "as" after "well" 2400 line 20 replace "on" with "in" 2401 line 11 replace "from" with "upon"; line 12 euphotic is misspelled 2402 line 7 delete "and very difuse"; line 22 make "submersible" plural 2403 line 1 delete "Whereas"; insert "it" after "and"; line 2 insert "but" before "it" 2404 line 29 "collinear" - should be "colinear"?? 2407 line 23 make "Southern Ocean" into "SO" 2409 line 5 Replace "Fauna from trenches are distinctive" with "Trench faunas differ" 2405 line 8 delete "the" 2405 line 11 comma after 'genera" 2405 line 19 replace "sabove" with "of less than" 2410 line 2 replace "among" with "in"; line 15 delete "encountered"; line 25 delete dash from "Lophelia-reefs"; line 26 replace "with" by "of" 2419 line 14 delete "we find"; line 15 replace "as" with "is" and the last "the" with "a" 2423 line 4 replace "that of" with "the"; line 19 replace "yield" with "yielded"; line 23 replace "meaning here" with "i.e." 2424 line 17 delete "s" from "conditions" 2425 line 2 make "in" "into"; line 20 replace "emdemicity" with "endemism" 2426 line 2 replace "was" with "were" 2430 line 28 replace "provide" with "meet" 2435 line 2 replace "into" with "in" 2437 line 13 "original" is misspelled.

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