

Interactive comment on “A novel approach reveals high zooplankton standing stock deep in the sea” by A. Vereshchaka et al.

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This manuscript provides biomass and taxonomic compositions of meso- and macro-zooplankton down to greater depths. Correlation analyses between surface chlorophyll a and standing stocks of various large-sized zooplankton are quite interesting and including important issues. Dominance of shrimp in deep-layer is not fully documented previously. This study showed their importance clearly. The message of this study is clear, robust and easy to understand. Following my comment is very minor.

My only concern is at Discussion on net avoidance. For me, mentioning that vertical tow is more robust for net avoidance than that of the horizontal tow is anomalous. While discussion on this subject (net avoidance of shrimp) is not at main focus of this study, their effect may have large impact for implication of this study.

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