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Interactive comment on "Megafauna community assessment of polymetallic nodule fields with cameras: Platform and methodology comparison" *by* Timm Schoening et al.

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Hi Adrian,

thanks for the comment. You are absolutely right. Taxonomy and knowledge about what might be visible in the images is crucial for assessing megafauna communities. Our manuscript focusses on the technical aspects and comparison of gear which is actually rather independent of what we are looking at - in terms of the gear comparison only! Of course when we consider the biological intepretation of what those gears see, then the taxonomy is important. We have nonchalantly left this out of the manuscript for know but will add your concerns to the next updated version.

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Greetings, Timm

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