

Referee comments

It is clear that Authors have put a lot of efforts in revising the manuscript, as its structure and content has been greatly improved. There are still several minor issues that Authors should address prior to acceptance. These are listed below:

Line 118 Provide shell lengths for *Arctica islandica*

Response 1: lengths of *A. islandica* added after line 118.

Line 128 Remove extra space between „31“ and „.“; Suggestion – provide full species name when it is at the beginning of the sentence (check also in other parts of the manuscript, e.g. lines 267, 329, etc.)

Response 2: The extra space was removed. When the species name started a sentence, the full scientific name was used instead *C. virginica* or *A. islandica*.

Line 138 Table title to go above table? Check also for other tables.

Line 139 Remove extra „.“

Response 3: For both tables, the table title was placed above the table rather than below.

Line 160 vs 170, revise to avoid start of the both sentences with „Shells“

Response 4: Sentences were changed to not start with “shells.”

346 should „(d)“ be „(k)“ – please check. „(j)“ is also missing from legend, please check in detail
Line 563 and 564

Response 5: Figure caption was revised to reference the correct graph.

Please revise a bit first and second sentence in conclusion, there is a certain overlap.

Response 6: The second sentence was removed because of the redundancy.

There are still issues with formatting of references, just several examples below:

616 Missing page numbers?

Response 7: Page number was added to the reference.

629 Put scientific name of species in italic

Response 1: Scientific names were italicized.

631 Remove capital letters where not needed

Response 1: The capitals were removed when not needed.

632 article number missing

Response 1: Article number was added.