Review of

Three new species of Axinulus (Bivalvia: Thyasiridae) from the Japan and Kuril-Kamchatka trenches and abyssal zone of the northern Pacific Ocean by Gennady M. Kamenev

by Graham Oliver

This paper is a well constructed taxonomic paper on three new species of *Axinulus* in the family Thyasiridae by an experienced researcher in this field.

The material used are extensive and all necessary comparisons have been made. I agree with the definition of the genus *Axinulus* and that the three proposed new species are undescribed and correctly introduced.

The illustrations are excellent and show the complete range of variations which is a useful addition to the taxonomy.

The English is totally acceptable.

I therefore have no criticisms on the content of the paper and find it acceptable in its current form for publication in PeerJ