

## **Integrative taxonomy revisits the ontogeny and trophic niches of *Rimicaris* vent shrimps**

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## Review History

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Yes

**Are the interpretations and conclusions justified by the results?**

Yes

**Is the language acceptable?**

Yes

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No

**Have you any concerns about statistical analyses in this paper?**

No

**Recommendation?**

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**Comments to the Author(s)**

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*Author's response: We are grateful to the editor for his acceptance of our manuscript for publication at the Royal Open Society Science journal. We have provided to our manuscript the additional minor corrections according to the recommendations of the first reviewer. We also provided the doi code of the isotopic dataset used in this study (SEANO database) according to the data accessibility conditions for publication at Royal Society Open Science.*

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