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Taxonomical note on *Epistominella pusilla* (Parr)

The history of nomenclature of this species is complex. Gooday (1993) preferred to separate E. pusilla from the morphologically almost identical Alabaminella weddellensis (Earland) on the grounds that it has micrometer-sized pustules on parts of the shell; it is generally somewhat smaller than A. weddellensis; it has somewhat more inflated late chambers; and it has a bathyal rather than abyssal distribution. Supplementary Fig. S2 shows a typical but rather large specimen from our material. While most of the particles on the test seem to be of secondary nature, a region of pustules near the aperture resembles the specimen figured as A. weddellensis in Gooday & Lambshead (1989; Fig. 1d), later assigned to *E. pusilla* by Gooday (1993). Together with the shelf setting of our material, we therefore tentatively use the name *E. pusilla*. It may be noted, however, that Hayward & Gross (2015) did not accept Eponides pusillus Parr, but synonymized it with A. weddellensis. The very abundant Eponides weddellensis Earland (moved to A. weddellensis by Hayward & Gross [2015]) in core tops from Ingøydjupet, reported by Chistyakova et al. (2010), is most likely the same species as in our material, as is the *Epistominella nipponica* Kuwano reported from the Norwegian Sea by Seirup et al. (1981). assigned to E. pusilla by Gooday (1993), and the abundant E. nipponica reported from the Barents Sea by Hald & Steinsund (1992), Sejrup et al. (2004) and Dijkstra et al. (2013).



Supplementary Fig. S1 (a) Count (histogram) of particles potentially responsible for the magnetic susceptibility (line) enhancement around 60 cm depth in core LU10-06. The photographs illustrate (b) a particle of, presumably, greigite, and (c) and (d) particles showing weathering.



Supplementary Fig. S2 Scanning electron microscopy images of *Epistominella pusilla* from core LU10-04, 5–10 cm depth. Spiral and umbilical views.



Supplementary Fig. S3 Cluster analysis of foraminiferal assemblages in the investigated cores. Assemblage Zones A, B and C are marked by shades of grey.

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