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Dear Henryk:

I am delighted to see the first page of your oyster manuscript and am deeply interested in your indication that this group is diphyletic. Am looking forward to early reading of the remainder of the manuscript. It is certain that all of the rest of the book will be in press before the end of the summer.

I note that apparently you are including Gryphaeinae Vialov, 1936 as a subfamily in your family Pycnodonteidae Stenzel, 1959. Perhaps I don't understand your intent, but the family will have to be based on the name of the oldest subfamily, hence: Gryphaeidae Vialov, 1936.

Cordially yours,

Norman D. Newell

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Cc: Dr. R. C. Moore

He is right