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Vermeijia japonica sp. nov.

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Etymology.—The present new species is named for the country of Japan.

Type specimens.—Holotype, UMUT CM 32795; para-type, UMUT CM 32796.

Type Locality.—River bank at 1.3 km upstream along the Koide River, Shibata City, Niigata Prefecture (Loc. 3 in Figure 1 = Loc. 2 of Amano *et al.*, 2000a); Kuwae Formation.

Family Nassariidae Iredale, 1916 Subfamily Cylleninae Bellardi, 1882 Genus *Cyllene* Gray in Griffith and Pidgeon, 1834

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