

## Answer to the critical remarks

The article criticized in the Critical remarks contains new paleontological information rather than stratigraphical information. I accept the critical notes about my incorrect citing and incompleteness of the references. In fact, the formal lithostratigraphic unit Novachene Formation is introduced in 1987, not in 1982, but in the paper (p. 7) it is specified. Moreover, some bivalves and echinoids are mentioned as an indicator of the age, without any explanation about their locality in first description of the formation in the original publication (Йолкичев, 1987). I agree that the references should also be supplemented.

I do not accept the idea that every geologist, who has visited the sections, described by Prof. Jolkichev should find the same macrofauna, should determine it in the same way, not complying with recent paleontological revisions, and should undoubtedly confirm his previous results.

I am not aware about the purpose of the Critical remarks. As far as other disputable matters are also arising in respect to the stratigraphy of the Upper Cretaceous and the Paleocene, I hope that the achievements of Prof. Jolkichev will not be transformed into a dogma, but will serve as a basis for future developments of the stratigraphy.

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