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Synonymy: Mysella sp. A (MBC, Scott, and others)

Literature: Dall, W.H. 1899.
Scott, P.H. 1987.

Diagnostic Characters:

1. Shell small (5 mm length), very thin, fragile, and without external sculpture.
2. Shape ovoid and compressed, inequilateral with anterior end longer.
3. Beaks weak, opistogyrate.
4. Cardinal teeth very reduced, equal in size.

Comparisons:

The closest related species is Mysella compressa Dall, 1913 which is possibly distributed as far north as southern California. M. compressa differs by a subtrigonal outline and much heavier teeth.

Distribution: San Diego, California to Coos Bay, Oregon (26-120 ft).

