

## ***Heckerella*, a new genus of the early Frasnian (Late Devonian) atrypid brachiopod**

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A new atrypid genus *Heckerella* from early Frasnian (*Palmatolepis transitans* Zone) of northwestern East European Platform is proposed. It includes only *Heckerella heckeri*, originally referred to *Anatrypa*. The new genus is characterised by weakly paraplicate anterior commissure, well-developed carina on the ventral valve, sulcus on the dorsal valve and coarser radial ornament. *Heckerella* has restricted geographic distribution in northwestern Russia, Latvia, northeastern Lithuania where it forms high-density associations with *Pseudoatrypa velikaya*.

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