

## Nature of graptovermids (Graptolithina)

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Graptovermids are redefined as resting terminal portion of unknown encrusting graptolites stolothecae. Presumably, their biological significance was an adaptation allowing to survive the periods of unfavourable or adverse conditions. SEM observations are made on *Graptovermis intestinalis* Kozłowski, 1949 from the lower Ordovician of Oland (Sweden).

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