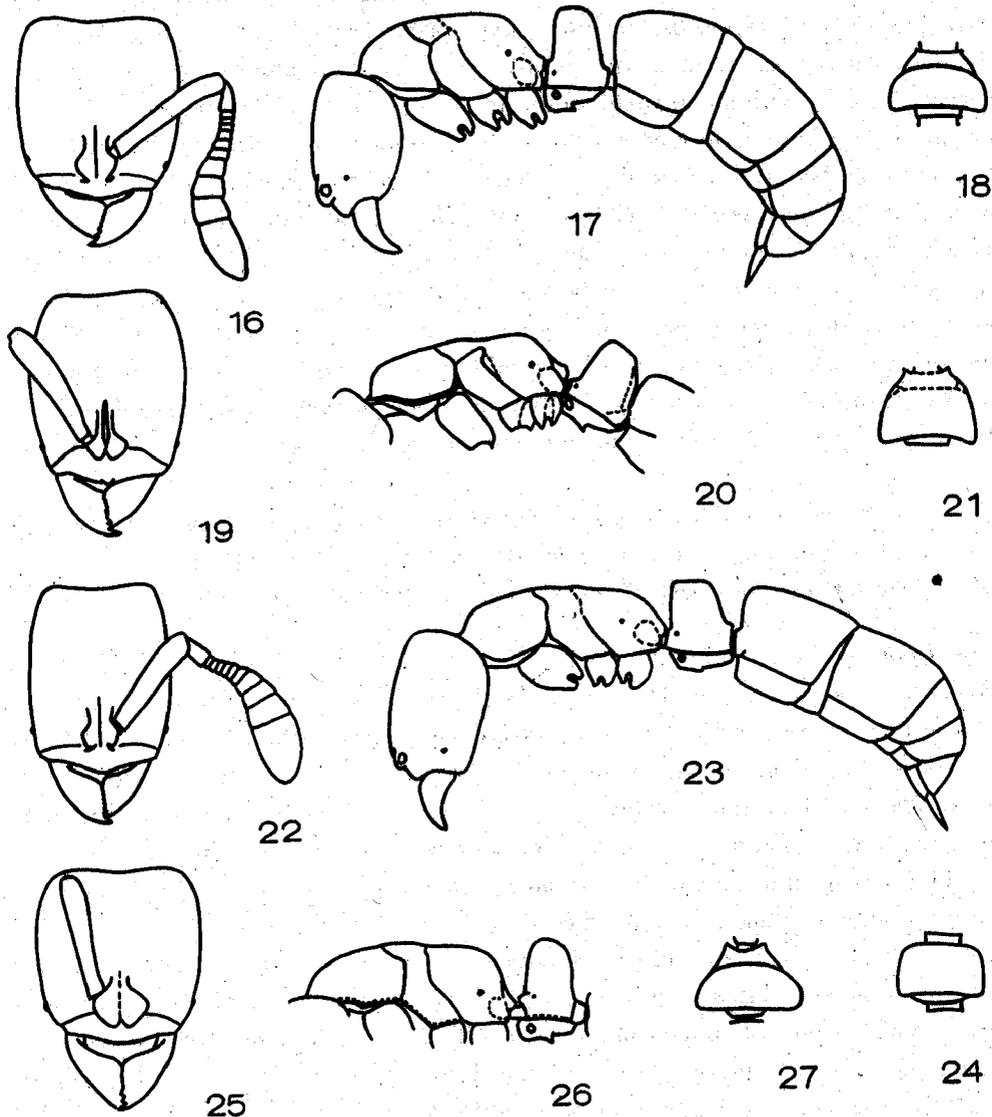


pubescence, erect hairs only present on anterior portion of head and apex of gaster. Body in color yellowish brown.

Holotype: worker, No. A97-2990, 840 m, Bakaxiaozhai Village, Menglun Town, Mengla County, Yunnan Province, 08-XII-1997, collected in a soil sample of seasonal rain forest by Yang Bilun.



Figs. 16~27 *Ponera* workers; 16~18. *P. longlina*, sp. nov.; 19~21. *P. chiponensis* Terayama; 22~24. *P. baka*, sp. nov.; 25~27. *P. oreas* (Wheeler); 16, 19, 22, 25. head in full-face view; 17, 20, 23, 26. body in profile view; 18, 21, 24, 27. petiolar node in dorsal view; 19~21 after Terayama (1986); 25~27 after Taylor (1967)

This new species is close to *P. chiponensis* Terayama (Figs. 19~21), but with head as broad in front as in the back; Anterior margin of clypeus without a blunt tooth in the middle; Mandible only with 3 apical teeth; In profile view petiolar node relatively thin, subpeti-