

without a distinct diastema (see fig. 1). The distinctive basal lamella is the basis for the name "*truncatidens*".

Alitrunk slightly depressed; promesonotum weakly convex, posterior mesonotum depressed and nearly continuous with the propodeal dorsum. Petiolar node broader than long and shorter than its peduncle, anterior declivity steep and not, or very indistinctly, bicarinate; spongiform appendages moderately well developed. Postpetiole transversely oval, about 1.3 times as broad as long and about 1.4 times as broad as the petiolar node, its dorsal surface convex and very obscurely and indefinitely longitudinally striate, but at lower magnifications appearing smooth and shining; spongiform appendages fairly well developed posterolaterally and ventrally, but the posterodorsal isthmus poorly developed and interrupted in the middle. Gaster weakly depressed dorsally, but not impressed anteromedially; median basal costulae partially effaced, but those on each side parallel and longitudinal, extending about half the length of the basal tergite. Remainder of gastric dorsum smooth or nearly so; a few roughened patches may represent a hardened secretion. Sculpture of body as usual for the genus, except that the pronotum has obscure longitudinal striation superimposed on the dense punctulation; posterior sides of alitrunk partially smooth and shining.

Head dorsally with rather abundant but inconspicuous, subreclinate to subappressed, short spoon-shaped hairs, a few on the posterior and lateral occipital regions slightly longer, more nearly clavate and obliquely suberect. Hairs on clypeal disc extremely small and inconspicuous; hairs on free clypeal border much larger, spoon-shaped and curved toward the middle, about 12 on each side of the midline, forming a fringe much like that of *rostrata*, except that the hairs on each side of the anterior border, on the anterolateral "angles," while longer than the others, are not so much so as in *rostrata*; in addition, the fringing hairs are all broader than the corresponding ones of *rostrata*. Alitrunk with a very few small, extremely inconspicuous narrow reclinate hairs. No prominent humeral hairs in holotype (or in paratypes); these may have been rubbed off if once present. Mesonotum with a pair of prominent erect hairs, appearing feebly clavate. Petiolar node with a pair of long clavate hairs; postpetiole with about 8 and gaster with 18-24 stiffly erect or suberect clavate hairs.

Color dull yellowish-ferruginous.

Holotype one of four workers taken by K. Bock at Lupembe, Tanganyika Territory. The paratypes (3) vary only very slightly in size and proportions; the largest worker has the head slightly infuscated posteriorly. Holotype in the collection of Sr. Mario Consani, Florence, Italy, together with two paratypes. One paratype in the collection of the Museum of Comparative Zoology.

Another specimen, which I refer to *truncatidens*, was taken by S. Patrizi at Elmenteita, Kenya. The head length (HL) is 0.69 mm. and the cephalic index (CI) 73. The body is larger overall