



Fig. 5. The results of a final CVA on *M. indica* (plus signs — groups 1a + 3), *M. weberi* (crosses, groups 1b + 2) and *M. alperti* (open squares — group 1c). The circles indicate the 95% confidence limits around the group means (large cross). Note that more than twice as many than expected *M. indica* lie outside the 95% confidence limits.

Рис. 5. Результаты окончательного КВА *M. indica* (знак «+» — группы 1a + 3), *M. weberi* (крестики — группы 1b + 2) и *M. alperti* (квадратики — группа 1c). Окружности показывают 95% достоверную границу данных вокруг средних (крупные крестики). Характерно, что за пределами 95% границы достоверности лежат более чем в 2 раза больше экземпляров *M. indica*, чем предполагалось.

N 87°7'18.7"E, 2563 m, 3.11.2005 (G. Alpert), on rock under moss, large colony with 2 queens; 3 workers, NPL 32, Nepal, Sankhawalava Makalu Barun Conservation Area, MK-6, 27°35'24.8" N 87°7'18.7" E, 2563 m, 3.11.2005 (G. Alpert), open meadow, under logs; 7 workers, NPL 33, Nepal, Sankhawalava, Makalu Barun Conservation Area, MK W17, 7.11.05, Winkler trap; (SIZK, NHMB, ELMES); 1 worker, India, Darjeeling Distr., Tiger Hill, 2500 m, 27.05.1975 (W. Wittmer), "M. indica" Weber det. Radchenko and Elmes" (NHMB); 1 worker, Kosi, Chauki, 2°11'–12'N 87°27'–28'E 2000–3000 m, 22–24.06.01, NHMB Exped. Npl. 2001 (NHMB); 1 worker, Bhutan, Nolding, 41 km O Wangdi, 2800 m, Nat.-Hist. Museum Basel — Bhutan Expedition, 1972, "M. indica" Weber det Radchenko and Elmes" (SIZK); 1 worker, NPL2.1, Nepal, Rigo, H. Tabata, 7.06.1978, "M. indica" Weber det Radchenko and Elmes" (ELMES). Additional material: 10 workers, Bhutan, Sampa-Kotoka, 1400–2600 m, 9.06, Nat-Hist. Museum Basel — Bhutan Expedition, 1972, "M. indica" Weber det Radchenko and Elmes" (NHMB, ELMES).

Workers (fig. 6, a-e)

Head distinctly longer than broad, with very feebly convex sides, nearly straight occipital margin and narrowly rounded occipital corners, its upper latero-ventral corners pointed; anterior clypeal margin very feebly convex, notched medially. Mandibles with 8–9 teeth. Frontal carinae curved outwards to merge with the rugae, which surround antennal sockets. Frons wide, frontal lobes not extended, somewhat raised vertically (i. e. perpendicular to the head surface). Scape of moderate length, usually shorter or only slightly longer than head length, gradually and weakly curved at the base.

Alitrunk long and low, with very feebly convex promesonotal dorsum (seen in profile), promesonotal suture indistinct (seen from above); metanotal groove ranges from nearly absent to well developed, but always shallow and not very distinct; metapleural