

situated slightly anterior to the middle of the head. Mandible with 4-7 teeth. Thorax short, robust, with rounded humeri and rounded inferior pronotal angles. Promesonotum convex, without a promesonotal suture. Mesoepinotal impression apparently always present although sometimes weakly developed. Epinotum with a pair of spines of variable size and form. Legs moderately stout, each middle and hind tibia without a spur. Petiolar and postpetiolar nodes well-developed, varying in shape according to the species; ventral surface of postpetiole usually with transverse rugulae which appear in profile as toothlike projections. Gaster oval, with or without basal emargination and humeri. Body subopaque; gaster, appendages, and several minor regions of the body smooth and shining. Hairs simple, sometimes long and flexuous.

Key to Species

1. Postpetiolar node, in profile, extended posteriorly over the base of the gaster as a blunt point; gaster distinctly emarginate at base and with definite humeral angles; head, pronotum and mesonotum largely longitudinally rugulose *silvestrii* Menozzi
— At least one character not as described above. 2
2. Head, pronotum and mesonotum coarsely reticulate-rugose; the bidentate clypeal plate subopaque. *myops* Wheeler
— Head, pronotum and mesonotum longitudinally rugulose; the bidentate clypeal plate strongly shining. *tristani* Menozzi

Apsychoformex silvestrii Menozzi

Apsychoformex silvestrii Menozzi, 1931, Portici R. Scuola Super. di Agr. Lab. Zool. Gen. e Agr. Bol. 25: 270, *worker* (fig. 6, No. 2, *worker* in profile, exclusive of head).

Apsychoformex silvestrii Borgmeier, 1937, Inst. de Biol. Veg. Arq. (Rio de Janeiro) 3: 240, *worker*.

Worker. — Length 1.86 mm.

Posterior border of head distinctly but not strongly emarginate, sides feebly convex; head not strongly compressed as in *myops*. Eye with less than 10 facets. Antennal scape stout, curved at the base, short, its apex approximately one-third the length of the scape from the posterior border of the head; last segment of funicular club approximately three and one-half times the length of the preceding segment. Mandible with 5 teeth, the superior border apparently without a tooth near the base. Mesoepinotal impression weaker dorsally and laterally than in *myops*. Epinotal spines, from above, acute, their apices almost