

terior border not emarginate; sides convex, strongly divergent anteriorly. No ocelli. Eye located anterior to the middle of the side of the head, protuberant but small. Frontal area distinct, subtriangular. Frontal carina very poorly developed, not lobed, thus exposing the base of the scape and the antennal fossa. Median region of the clypeus flattened, its anterior border with 4 more or less irregular teeth, the 2 central teeth largest; lateral border of clypeus extended in front of antennal fossa as a trenchant ridge. Antenna 9-segmented; apex of scape surpassing the posterior border of the head when the scape is fully extended posteriorly; last 3 funicular segments enlarged, forming a more or less distinct club. Mandible elongate; masticatory border with 3 teeth, superior border with a prominent tooth slightly anterior to its middle.

Promesonotal suture obsolescent or absent. Mesoepinotal impression well developed. Epinotum bearing a pair of sharp spines which are not as long as the space between their apices, the spines divergent but also directed posteriorly and upward. In profile, the promesonotum evenly arched, meeting the almost horizontal base of the epinotum at the mesoepinotal impression. Legs slender but with slightly incrassated femora and tibiae. Anterior tibia with a well developed, pectinate spur, middle and posterior tibiae without spurs. Petiole and postpetiole from above, slender, with a compressed appearance; in profile, the petiole pedunculate and bearing a convex node; the postpetiolar node higher than that of the petiole and its dorso-ventral axis with an oblique slope.

Gaster from above, oval, broadest at the base and without humeri, the basal segment occupying most of the gaster.

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(Figs. 1, 1a, 2)

WORKER.—Length 3.5 mm.

Frontal area, dorsal surface of petiole and postpetiole, and gaster, smooth and shining. Head and thorax with a rugulose sculpturing which has a general longitudinal trend, that on the pronotum however somewhat arcuate and that on the epinotum transverse. Mandible coarsely striated.

Body and appendages covered with moderately abundant, long, simple, yellowish hairs. Clypeus with a row of anteriorly directed hairs which are of variable length.

Body black; mandible lighter, tarsi light brown.