

segment about as long as the preceding two segments taken together. Striae on the pro- and mesonotum almost as strong as on the head, tending to be weaker towards the apex of the propodeum. Petiolar nodes and gaster shiny, petiolar nodes with moderate sized spars punctures, gaster with weak scattered punctures. Legs smooth and shiny. Alitrunk oblong, about 2.5x longer than its width, a little narrower than the head, broad anteriorly and slightly narrowed behind, the antero-lateral angles of the pronotum rounded, posteriorly at sides almost straight. Propodeum when seen dorsally, forms a gentle slope at its posterior margin. Petiolar node anteriorly as broad as propodeum, gradually widening posteriorly, with lateral blunt teeth, in dorsal view anteriorly convex, posteriorly concave, subpetiolar process stout, backwardly directed, triangular, keel-shaped, lamellate. Postpetiolar node weakly convex, a little narrow anteriorly, subpostpetiolar process with one large and one small, downwardly directed triangular tooth-like projection. Gaster oval, its first segment larger than others, sting long and stout; legs short, flattened, all the femora very broad, elliptical, apical margins of middle and hind tibiae and metatarsal segments dentate.

Body reddish-brown, except alitrunk in front and at sides blackish. Pubescence whitish-yellow, hairs moderately long and sparse; Legs with moderately thick bristle-like hairs.

*Paratype female* : Essentially similar to worker, except as follows :

Body length 8.6 mm ; HL 1.26 mm ; HW .91 mm ; SL .31 mm ; CI 72 ; SI 35 ; PW .7 mm ; PNL .56 mm ; PPNL .49 mm ; PH .56 mm ; PPH .56 mm ; DPW .49 mm ; DPPW .59 mm ; PNI 70 ; PPNI 84 ; LPI 100 ; PPI 87. Head rectangular in shape without distinct median groove, its surface with moderately strong longitudinal striations and moderately deep punctures in between the striae. Eyes oval, placed on the postero-lateral side of the head, about 1.4x as long as the length of the scape. Three ocelli present. Pronotal humeri present. Scutellum broader than long, transverse at base with lateral raised margins. Pro- and mesonotum with deep and longitudinal striations. Petiolar node vertebrae-like, its base as broad as propodum and about as long as its apical width ; its lateral angular process acute ; the posterior corners produced in the form of two long divergent conical teeth, posterior margin evenly concave. Petiolar node with fine somewhat concentric transverse striations and moderate sized sparse punctures. Postpetiolar node oval in shape, slightly broader than long, with fine and dense longitudinal striations and coarse shallow punctures. Gaster long tubular, broader at base, gradually narrowing towards the apex, its