

brown, except for gaster which has dark brown mottling. Punctations thick and distinct on head and dorsal surfaces of alitrunk and petiole ( $12.5\times$ ), but more scattered and less noticeable on rest of body. Setae short, fine and semierect on most body surfaces, except slightly longer and appressed on the gaster.

*Head:* Frontal view (Fig. 11): median length (exclusive of mandibles) 1.70 mm; width 1.60 mm; upper surface with a small median concavity; upper corners broadly rounded; sides slightly convex; triangular frontal depression shallow and bordered by rounded frontal carinae; lower border of clypeus almost straight, but slightly irregular. Each eye consists of a small yellowish, ocellus-like spot with a flattened cornea, and is located on the side of the head near the middle so that it is barely visible from the front. Antennal scape thickened distally; proximal width 0.13 mm; distal width 0.25 mm; length 0.75 mm. Antennal flagellum not distinctly thickened apically; length about 2.20 mm; width about 0.17 mm; 11 segments. Mandible curved inward with a sharp apex and a moderate convexity on inner median border. Dorsal view (Fig. 9): frons slightly indented; sides rounded; occipital concavity almost covered by pronotal flange. Lateral view (Fig. 10): anterodorsum of head rounded; posterior surface almost straight; eye located near middle.

*Alitrunk:* Dorsal view (Fig. 9): length 3.20 mm; gradually widened from pronotum to propodeum; distinct small bumps at levels of pro- and mesothoracic spiracles; width of propodeum 1.20 mm; prominent anterior pronotal flange almost covers the occipital concavity; sutures indistinct. Lateral view (Fig. 10): height at the propodeum 0.90 mm; pronotum with a prominent anterior flange which extends above the occipital concavity; dorsum of pronotum slopes upward posteriorly to an almost level mesonotal-propodeal surface which bluntly rounds into a steeply declining posterior surface; promesothoracic suture distinct; a lamella extends from the orifice of metapleural gland anteriorly along lower border of propodeum; meso- and metathoracic spiracles very small; propodeal spiracle oval and relatively long (0.25 mm); meso- and metapleural glands with distinct orifices and indistinct bullae. Length of hind leg 5.82 mm (coxa 0.70 mm; trochanter 0.20 mm; femur 1.20 mm; tibia 1.30 mm; tarsus: seg. one 1.00 mm, seg. two 0.45 mm, seg. three 0.35 mm, seg. four 0.22 mm, seg. five 0.40 mm). Apices of metatibia and metatarsal segments one through four with stout spines. Claws without teeth on inner borders.

*Petiole:* Dorsum transversely concave in middle. Dorsal view (Fig. 9): node subquadrate, slightly narrowed posteriorly, with rounded anterior corners and angular posterior corners; length and anterior width about equal (0.80 mm). Lateral view (Fig. 10): node rounded anteriorly and bluntly projecting posteriorly; height of node 0.70 mm; spiracle prominent; ventral surface convex and without a distinct tooth.

*Gaster* (nonphysogastric, Figs. 9, 10): Length 6.00 mm; greatest width 2.20 mm; greatest height about 1.50 mm; elongate-oval from a dorsal view and more flattened from a lateral view; five visible segments; apex of fifth sternite with a triangular notch.

MALE: Unknown.

VARIATION: *Workers:* Length 2.5–4.5 mm. Mandibles (Figs. 4–8) highly variable; junctures of basal with masticatory surfaces vary from angular to rounded; basal surfaces vary from straight to convex; masticatory surfaces vary from straight