

*Worker.* Length 3.5—4 mm.

Head as broad as long, a little narrower in front than behind, with evenly convex sides and broadly excavated posterior border. Eyes absent. Mandibles rather large, deflected, with slightly concave external borders, their apical borders long, with 6 teeth, two at the base small and close together, three oblique and widely spaced in the middle and a large apical tooth. Clypeus very short, anteriorly abrupt and truncated, bluntly carinate in the middle, its anterior border straight and entire. Frontal carinæ small, closely approximated. Antennal scapes rather slender, about  $\frac{2}{3}$  as long as the head; first funicular joint as long as the two succeeding joints together; joints 2—10 distinctly broader than long. Thorax scarcely longer than the head *plus* the mandibles; the pro- and mesonotum seen from above together longer than broad, sub-oblong, with rounded humeri. Promesonotal suture distinct, angulate. Epinotum laterally compressed, decidedly narrower than the pro- and mesonotum. Mesoëpinotal suture obsolete. In profile the dorsal outline of the pro-, meso- and epinotum is nearly straight and continuous, the base of the epinotum longer than the declivity and with it forming a rounded obtuse angle, its sides compressed. Petiolar node from above as long as broad, broader behind than in front, with straight sides and posterior border; in profile higher than long, with flat, vertical anterior and posterior and rounded superior surfaces; the ventral surface convex in the middle but without a tooth or spine. Postpetiole trapezoidal, strongly narrowed in front, its anterior border straight. Legs rather short, especially the middle tibiæ and tarsi.

Mandibles and clypeus smooth and shining, the former with a few scattered, elongate punctures. Head, pro- and mesothorax opaque, very densely and finely punctate; remainder of body shining, more finely, sparsely and superficially punctate.

Hairs and pubescence bright golden yellow, the latter very dense and conspicuous, especially on the head, pro- and mesothorax, antennæ and legs. Hairs very delicate, erect, uneven and rather sparse. Middle tibiæ and tarsi with numerous short, stout bristles on their extensor surfaces.

Pale ferruginous; legs and posterior half of body slightly more yellowish; mandibular teeth blackish.

Described from two well preserved specimens taken by Prof. N. HOLMGREN in Peru, without further data. This species belongs to the group of species comprising *gilva* ROGER, *ochracea* MAYR and *sauteri* WHEELER, but differs from all of them in not having the base of the epinotum somewhat lower