

*Strumigenys trudifera* sp. n.

(Figs. 1-3)

*Worker* (holotype) — TL 3.4, HL 0.72, HW 0.48 (CI 67), ML 0.89, (MI 124), scape L 0.56, funiculus L 0.93, max. diameter of eye 0.04, WL 0.72, petiole L 0.32 mm. General color ferruginous, gaster infuscated. Mandibles, clypeus, antennal scapes and legs very finely and densely punctulate, with superimposed fine, mostly indistinct longitudinal rugulae; lower pleura of thorax with sculpture more or less effaced. Basal gastric costulae 7-9, strong and distinctly separated, the median ones extending over half the length of tergum I of gaster, the lateral ones much shorter. Tergum I of gaster between basal costulae finely, longitudinally striolate, the sculpture becoming more or less aciculate at posterior half, subopaque except on sides which are smooth and shining, as is the sternum I. Mesonotum with a fine median longitudinal carina.

Ground pilosity of head consisting of fairly abundant, slender, weakly clavate, arched, reclinate or decumbent hairs, longest toward occiput. Anterior clypeal border with 12 spatulate hairs, the lateral ones curved mesad, the central pair longest. Scares with two long, thin hairs curved basad on leading edge, other oblique to subdecumbent hairs directed apicad on all surfaces. Two long and pointed hairs on vertex, and a very long hair projecting postero-laterally from sides of occipital lobes, inside the frontal carinae. Ground pilosity of thorax like that of head, but sparser; 4 long straggling flagellate hairs, one on each humeral denticle, and one on each postero-lateral margin of pronotum, straddling the mesonotum. Nodes of peduncle and dorsum of gaster with moderately abundant, well spaced, long, straggling, erect and recurved flagellate hairs. Trigger hairs very short, inconspicuous and delicate, functionally substituted by the row of oblique long hairs along the inner border of mandibular shaft.

Head (Fig. 1) somewhat aberrant in shape, elongate, occipital lobes little expanded laterad with subparallel sides; deeply and semi-circularly excised behind, slightly dorso-ventrally depressed, the dorsum weakly convex behind, rather flat in front. Antennal scrobe moderately broad, shallow, extending as far as occipital corner, bounded above by a prominent carina which becomes vestigial shortly in front of occipital lobe; inferior limit of scrobe not marked. Preocular carina greatly prominent, with a convexity below antennal socket, fading out at level of the very small compound eye, counting little more than half a dozen ommatidia. Side of head immediately in front of eye not excavate, so that the eye is not protuberant nor prospicent. Clypeal disc flat, with a median smooth circular spot, anterior border straight, crenate, corners broadly rounded.

Mandibles extremely long, longer than head proper, shafts nearly straight; external borders very weakly convex, drawn in rather sharply at the insertions and, near the apices, curving very evenly into the apical fork. Inner border