

lower angle. Petiole in profile not unlike that of *punctata*, but thinner, more concave in front, so that the apex projects forwards. From above it is narrower below and wider proportionately at the apex, the central impression deeper and narrower than in *punctata*. The node itself is broader than long. Beneath is a flat lamella ending anteriorly in a pointed tooth.

Whole insect shining. Mandibles and scapes striate. Whole of upper surface of head coarsely reticulate-punctate, the shining punctures more or less hexagonal and close together, leaving no space for ground-sculpture. Sides of head with a ground reticulation interspersed with small scattered circular punctures, mostly reticulate at the bottom. Back of head also reticulate with larger punctures. Sculpture of dorsum on thorax similar to that on upper surface of head, coarsest on the pronotum. Scapes longitudinally striate with a few punctures. Sides of thorax similar to the sides of head, but there are larger spaces bare of punctures; petiole similar, but the central impression closely and finely reticulate.

Postpetiole with a fine ground-reticulation, and, in addition, especially in front and at the sides, with broken fine striæ interspersed with shallow elongate and ill-defined punctures; apical border rugose. First segment of gaster similar, but the superimposed sculpture is finer and the striæ closer together, so that the segment appears to be longitudinally striate. On both the striæ have a tendency to encircle the segments.

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*Rhytidoponera* PUNCTIGERA, sp. n.

♂. Length 9.5 mm.

Dark reddish brown, gaster a shade less dark, funiculi, legs, and apex of gaster dark red.

Almost entirely glabrous, except the tarsi. There are a few short erect hairs on the inner surface of the apex of the tibiæ. Funiculi slightly pubescent.

Head very slightly longer than broad, almost as broad behind as in front. Sides as far as the eyes almost straight, the occipital angles rounded. Terminal border of mandibles two-fifths longer than the basal and minutely dentate. Clypeus broad, moderately convex, the anterior border forming a wide oblique angle. Frontal carinæ more than three-fifths as wide at their narrowest part as in front. Eyes rather small, prominent, behind the centre of the sides. Occiput without sign of crest, but the border is slightly more prominent at the sides than at the middle. The scapes reach rather more than one-third of their length beyond the occiput.

Pronotum from above almost square, the posterior angles more prominent. At the inferior angles is a small tooth, and at the sides an oblique impression. Pro-mesonotal suture deep; in profile there is an impression at this suture and between the meso- and