

Entire thorax with a fine ground-reticulation and in addition covered with circular punctures connected by coarse reticulations. Down the centre of the pronotum is a narrow strip finely and transversely striate only. The lateral impressions of the pronotum are extremely finely reticulate only. The petiole is coarsely rugose-punctate in front and on the sides, but behind and along the central impression transversely striate. Meso-epinotal emargination finely transversely striate, the declivity coarsely transversely striate. Postpetiole and first segment of gaster very finely transversely striate with scattered points, the remaining segments finely reticulate only.

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Distinct from *cornuta*, Em., and its subspecies by the shape of the horns. *R. cornuta* also has the thorax very closely and coarsely punctate, and there is no ground-sculpture. (Compared with a co-type of *cornuta* kindly lent me by the author.)

*Rhytidoponera cerastes*, var. BREVIOR, NOV.

♂. Length 10.6 mm.

Red-brown, legs and apices of funiculi somewhat paler.

Larger than the preceding in most specimens, and lighter in colour. Differs also as follows:—mandibles with minute teeth; anterior border of clypeus more broadly rounded; head as broad as long, not narrowing so much at occiput; frontal carinæ wider behind; scapes slightly longer, passing the occipital border by one-half their length. Horns like those of *cornuta*, shorter than in *cerastes*, the space between not evenly excavate, but widely angular, and the points turn more outwards, but in profile the points do not curve forwards as in *cornuta*.

Petiole higher and thinner than in *cerastes*, descending rapidly behind, and concave in front, so as to appear to lean forward; from above it is longer and narrower. Dorsum of thorax similar. The constriction between postpetiole and gaster is more pronounced. The sculpture is coarser, the head and thorax being entirely reticulate-punctate, the punctures not well-defined and circular as in the type; there is no ground-sculpture. The space between the horns has irregular transverse ridges and punctures. The declivity of the epinotum, which is less defined, is transversely rugose.

The postpetiole is finely concentrically striate with scattered points, the first segment of gaster has longitudinal striæ curving inwards at the apex of the segment and scattered points. The legs are covered with short stiff erect hairs and are more coarsely sculptured.

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This var. comes much nearer *cornuta*, but I have considered it a var. of *cerastes*, as in common with that species it has the dorsum of the thorax emarginate at the place of the two sutures, whereas