

very small, depressed, posterodorsal edge of head sharply angulate; posterior margin of head medially deeply emarginate. Mandibles triangular with five teeth; Thorax gibbous; pronotum dome like; no suture between promesonotum; mesometanotal suture distinct; propodeum posteriorly bidentate; medially concave, metasternal teeth bluntly angulate. Petiole pedunculate; posteromedian portion of post petiole slightly depressed. Gaster broad, flat above, convex below.

The genus shows a little resemblance to the Neotropical genus *Blepharidatta* Wheeler (Wheeler 1915). The similarities are (1) Presence of an 11-segmented antenna with a 2-jointed club (2) Clypeus not carinate (3) Propodeum in profile with spiracles well in front of margin of declivity (4) Upper scrobe margins almost parallel in full face view (5) Frontal lobes large, projecting forward (6) Mid and hind tibiae without tibial spurs.

The genus differs from *Blepharidatta* Wheeler in the following characters:

(1) Mandibles with 5 distinct teeth decreasing in size from apex to base (Mandibles with few subequal teeth in *Blepharidatta*) (2) Occipital corners though angulate in profile, not extended backwards (Occipital corners extended backwards as two triangular processes in *Blepharidatta*) (3) Eyes very small consisting of only two ommatidia (Eyes large in *Blepharidatta*) (4) Pronotal angles rounded (Pronotal angles angulate in *Blepharidatta*) (5) Propodeum posteriorly with a pair of short teeth only. (Propodeum with two long spines in *Blepharidatta*).

*Neoblepharidatta nayana* sp. nov. (Figs. 1-4).

**Holotype** : de alate female : TL-2.9 mm; HL-0.80 mm; HW-0.65 mm; CI-81; SL-0.2 mm; SI-31; ED-0.02 mm; PW-0.40 mm; AL-0.74 mm.

**Colour**: Ferruginous red, antennae and legs of light colour.

**Sculpture and hair pattern**: Whole body covered with dense, short and long hairs; long hairs erect and suberect, short hairs decumbent, most hairs curved at tip; anterior clypeal margin with 6 short median setae. Dorsal concave area of head and mandibles smooth, surrounding areas of head appear smooth in certain reflections, while faintly punctate with setigerous pits; region in between eyes and base of mandibles longitudinally striate; neck of pronotum shagreened; pronotum anteriorly with transversely arched striae, median portion smooth, posteriorly with faint longitudinal striae, sides of thorax finely punctate; propodeum finely punctate; upper region of propleura and a small area on