Atrochromadora parva (De Man, 1893) (Fig. 42)

Description (from De Man, 1893). Body length 0.4-0.5 mm: a = 22-28. Body short and stocky, strongly attenuated at both ends. Cuticle distinctly annulated, with longitudinal rows of lateral dots similar to A. microlaima. Four conspicuous cephalic setae. Somatic setae long and fine, found throughout the body. Buccal cavity with very small dorsal tooth. Single conspicuous posterior oesophageal bulb. Tail regularly tapered to a fine point, spinneret relatively long (Fig. 42B).

Spicules 17 μ m, curved. Gubernaculum paired. Supplements absent.

Distribution. Falmouth, South West England (intertidal mud and seaweeds); Plymouth, South West England (intertidal seaweeds).

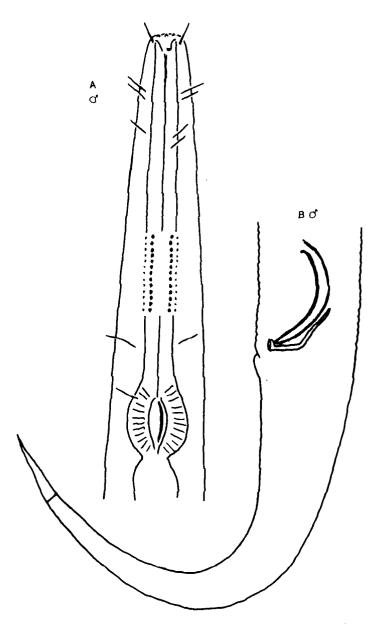


Fig. 42. Atrochromadora parva. A, Anterior end; B, Male tail. From De Man, 1893.