



Fig. 226. *Desmoscolex laevis*. A, Female tail; B-C, female heads. From Lorenzen (1972d).

Description (from Lorenzen, 1972d). Body length 0.4–0.5 mm. Somatic setal formula:

subdorsal (both sexes)	1	3	5	7	9	11	13	16	17
subventral (both sexes)		2	4	6	8		12	15	

Subventral setae on desmen 8 elongated in female.

Spicules 47–48 μm .

Distribution. Firth of Forth, East Scotland; Clew Bay, West Ireland; Northumberland coast, North East England (sublittoral sediments); North East coast of England (kelp holdfasts); Isles of Scilly (intertidal seaweeds): but see p. 478.