

*Dichromadora simplex* new species

*Description.* Cuticle with fine dots at anterior; heavy block punctation at posterior. Lateral alae extending the full length of the body, bordered by large dots. 4 cephalic setae,  $3\mu$  long or 66% of the head diameter. Amphids obscure. Stoma with hollow dorsal tooth; subventral teeth absent. Ocelli absent. Esophagus with well-developed single bulb. Excretory pore 47%. Tail uniformly tapering, with finger-like tip.

*Male* : 480-494 $\mu$  ; *a*, 15-20 ; *b*, 5-6 ; *c*, 6.5-7.5. Spicules 20-24 $\mu$  long, with small forked tip, slightly cephalated. Gubernaculum 10 $\mu$  long, simple. No preanal supplements. Tail 4-4.8 anal diameters long.

*Habitat* : Bottom mud.

*Discussion.* This species is similar to *D. punctata* Stekhoven, 1950 but differs from it in the smaller dimensions and the more slender tail.

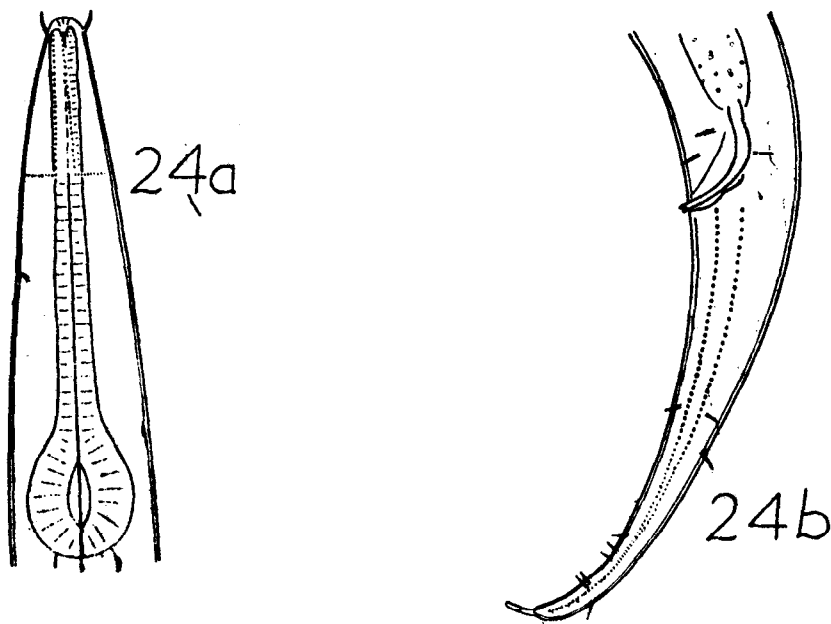


Fig. 24. *Dichromadora simplex* n.sp., a. esophageal region : b. male tail.