Nudora bipapillata Platt, 1973 (Fig. 192)

Description. Body length 1.1-1.2 mm. Maximum diameter 43-46 μ m (a = 24-25). Cuticle with 12 longitudinal files of V-shaped markings, reversed in direction at base of oesophagus; anterior annule less heavily cuticularised than remainder. Four longer cephalic setae 9-12 μ m (0.5-0.7 h.d.), slightly longer in males than females. Amphids 4-5 μ m (0.3 c.d.) in males, 3.5-4 μ m (0.2 c.d.) in females, situated mainly on the third cuticular annule. Dorsal buccal tooth opposed by a smaller ventral tooth. Posterior oesophageal bulb 55-60 μ m long and 32-35 μ m wide. Tail 3.0-3.5 a.b.d., tip unstriated.

Spicules 28–34 μ m (0.8 a.b.d.), slender, sigmoid. Gubernaculum 34–37 μ m, with hammer-like proximal ends (Fig. 192C). Two large cylindrical precloacal papillae.

Vulva at 88% of body length.

Distribution. Strangford Lough, North East Ireland (intertidal sand); Tamar estuary, South West England (intertidal sandy mud).

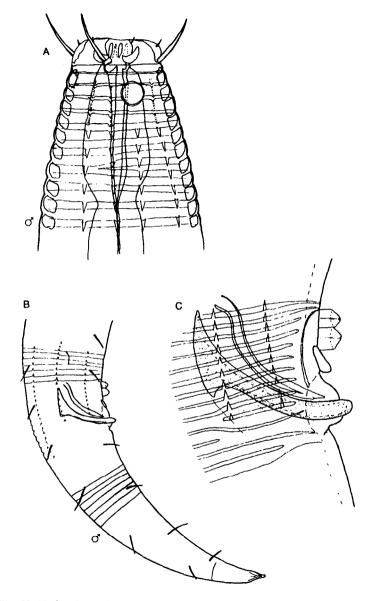


Fig. 192. Nudora bipapillata. A, Male head; B, Male tail; C, Cloacal region. Original.