## Desmoscolex laevis Kreis, 1928

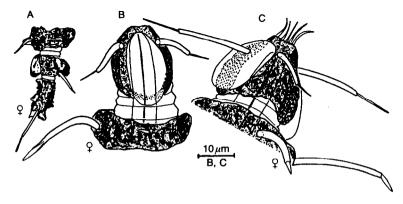


Fig. 226. Desmoscolex laevis. A, Female tail; B-C, female heads. From Lorenzen (1972d).

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  $\mu$ m.

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