Pseudocella coecum (Ssaweljev, 1912) (Fig. 80A, B)

Description. Body length 9.0 mm. Maximum diameter $220 \,\mu m$ (a = 41). Cuticle smooth; minute somatic setae present throughout the body. Six small labial papillae and ten 9–11 μm cephalic setae. Cervical setae present laterally and medially. Head bears a conspicuous cephalic capsule, the posterior suture lying posterior to the amphid. Ventral tropis present. Amphids 10 μm wide (0.25 c.d.). Buccal cavity small and without teeth. Ocelli absent. Nerve ring 0.3 times oesophagus length from anterior. Tail short and rounded.

Spicules unequal; left 190 μ m, right 165 μ m.

Gubernaculum with conspicuous dorsal apophysis. There is a file of 14 long setae either side of the cloaca, a ventral precloacal supplement and two rows of 7 subventral papillae. Testes paired, opposed.

Distribution. Northumberland (sublittoral fine sediment).

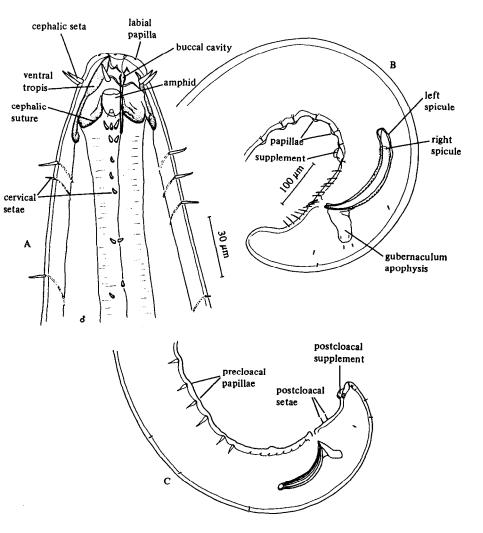


Fig. 80. Pseudocella coecum. A, Male head; B, Male tail (original). Pseudocella trichodes. C, Male tail (from Stekhoven and Adam, 1931).