Viscosia cobbi Filipjev, 1918 (Fig. 109)

Description. Body length 2.3–2.8 mm. Maximum diameter 33–45 μ m (a = 62–78). Six short and four slightly longer (6–7 μ m or one-third of h.d.) cephalic setae. Right subventral tooth larger than remaining two, which are both prominent and single tipped. Amphids 11 μ m wide, 0.5 h.d. (male); 7 μ m, 0.33 h.d. (female). Tail 7 a.b.d., anterior quarter tapering, posterior part cylindrical, or often appearing cylindrical throughout.

Spicules fairly straight, 22-27 μ m (1 a.b.d.). Two pairs of setae in front of cloaca, three pairs behind, one small seta either side of cloaca.

Distribution. Exe estuary; Strangford Lough, Northern Ireland (intertidal sand).

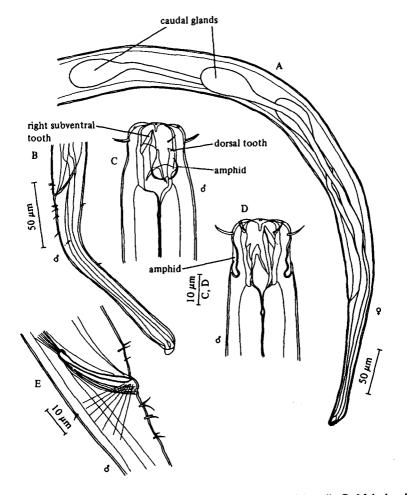


Fig. 109. Viscosia cobbi. A, Posterior end of female; B, Male tail; C, Male head (lateral); D, Male head (dorsal); E, Cloacal region. Original.