

*Desmodora (Desmodora) scaldensis* De Man, 1889  
(Fig. 144)

*Description.* Body length 1.1–1.4 mm: a = 30–36. Cuticle coarsely striated without additional ornamentation. Six minute labial papillae. Four 5  $\mu\text{m}$  (0.25 h.d.) cephalic setae anterior to amphids; other setae absent from cephalic capsule. Somatic setae short and scattered. Amphids 6  $\mu\text{m}$ , appear spiral but number of turns variable. Buccal cavity with hollow anteriorly pointing dorsal tooth opposed by two rounded subventral cusps (Fig. 144A). Oesophagus with posterior bulb about 30  $\mu\text{m}$  long and 25  $\mu\text{m}$  wide. Tail about 4 a.b.d., same shape in both sexes, tip unstriated (Fig. 144B).

Spicules 55  $\mu\text{m}$  (1.8 a.b.d.), arcuate with ventral swelling at proximal end. Gubernaculum closely applied to spicules. Precloacal supplements absent.

Vulva at about 60% body length.

*Distribution.* Plymouth, South West England (intertidal seaweeds); Isles of Scilly (intertidal coarse sand, kelp holdfasts and seaweeds).

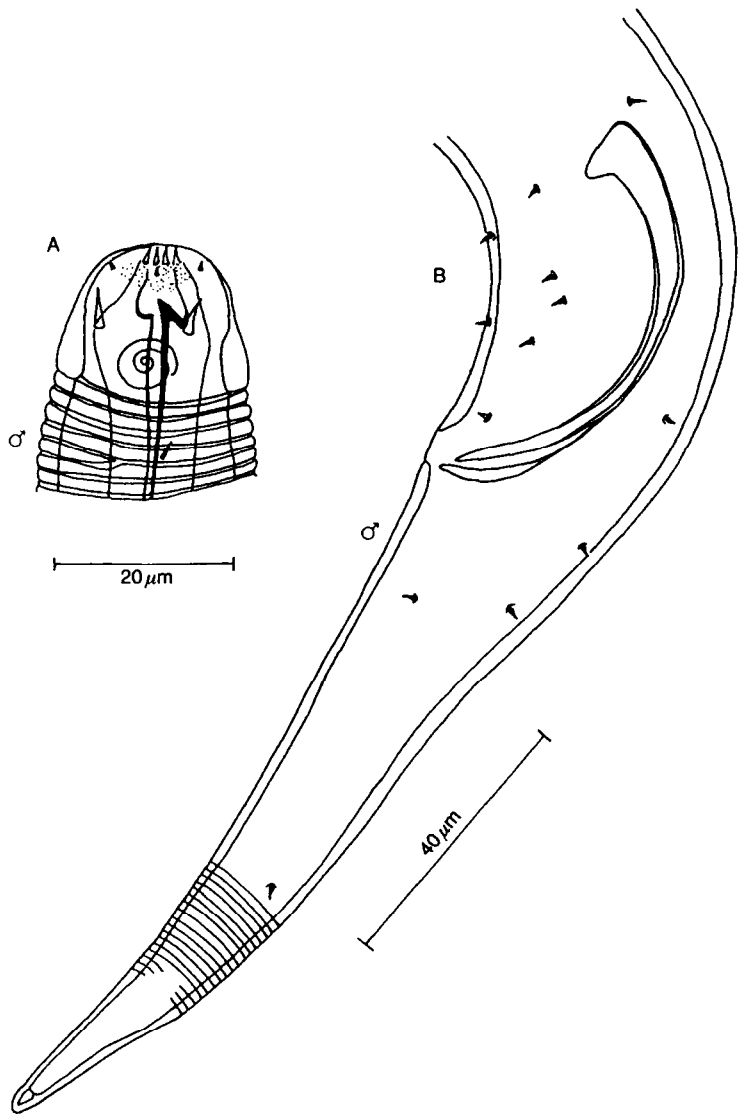


Fig. 144. *Desmodora (Desmodora) scaldensis*. A, Male head; B, Male tail. Original.