Spiliphera dolichura De Man, 1893 (Fig. 40D)

Description. Rather similar to S. gracilicauda, but differs from it particularly in the genital armature of the male and the shape of the tail, which is more elongated and filiform (Fig. 40D). Body length 1.3 mm; a = 24-28. Buccal cavity 29 μ m long. Amphids 5.8 μ m wide. Tail 11 a.b.d. or more.

Spicules 32 μ m, shorter than in S. gracilicauda. Paired gubernaculum with lateral enlargements longitudinally orientated, as opposed to transverse in S. gracilicauda.

Distribution. Falmouth, South West England (intertidal algae).

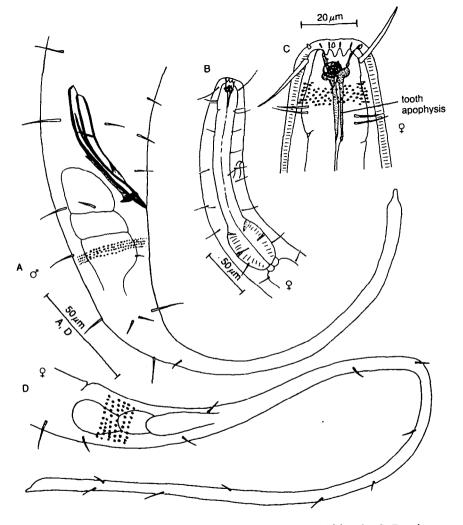


Fig. 40. Spiliphera gracilicauda. A, Male tail; B, Anterior end of female; C, Female head (original). Spiliphera dolichura. D, Female tail (from Wieser, 1954).