

Spirinia schneideri (Villot, 1875)
(Fig. 151)

Description. Body length 4.4–6.0 mm. Maximum diameter 110–160 μm ($a = 32\text{--}46$). Similar to *S. parasitifera* (p. 326) except: larger; cuticle smooth; cephalic setae 5 μm (0.3 h.d.); buccal cavity without subventral teeth; tail short, 1.2–1.6 a.b.d., and of distinctive shape (Fig. 151D) (rounded with a cylindrical tip), slightly longer in female than male; spicules 130–180 μm (1.3–1.5 a.b.d.), proximal cephalisations triangular; gubernaculum with lateral flanges surrounding spicule tips.

Vulva at 42–49% of body length.

Distribution. Blacksod Bay, West Ireland (intertidal sand and sand of *Zostera* bed); Isles of Scilly (*Laminaria* holdfasts, intertidal sand among *Zostera* roots, coarse gravelly sand at low water and sublittoral).

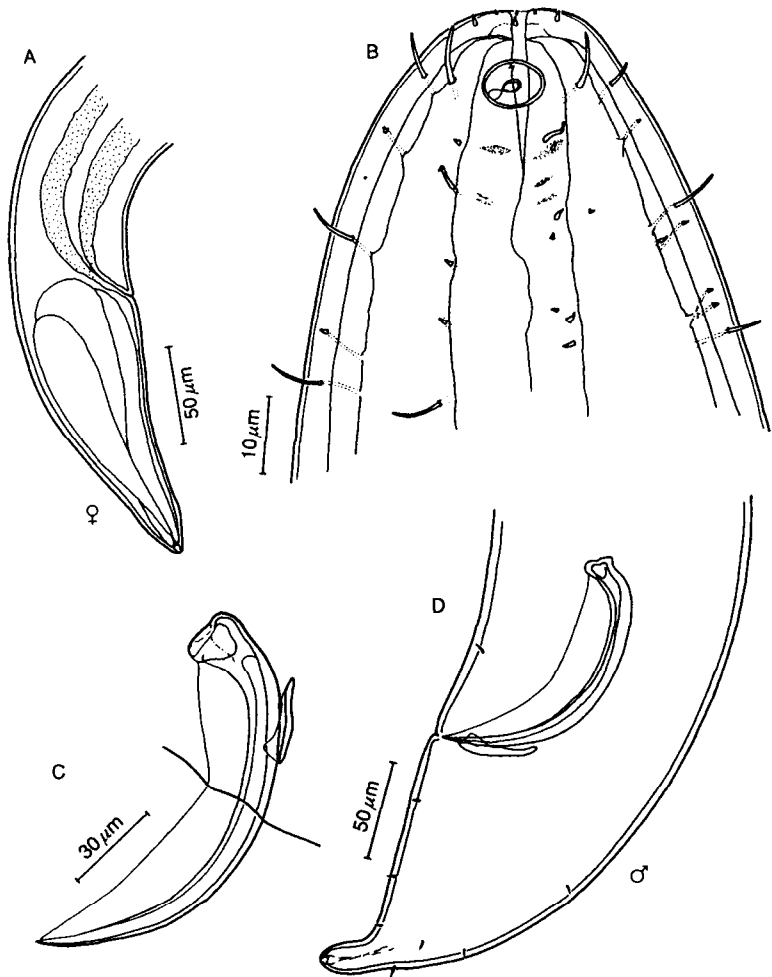


Fig. 151. *Spirinia schneideri*. A, Female tail; B, Male head; C, Spicules and gubernaculum; D, Male tail. Original.