

brown, 2nd joint slightly infusate apically. Puncturing of pronotum blackish, disk otherwise with only indistinct infuscations. Impressed transverse line at base of scutellum dark, disk with two large dark triangular spots. Elytra with indistinct embrowning in apical part of corium, puncturing dark brown, costal margin pale; membrane brownish hyaline, veins brown. Under surface yellow-brown, propleurae with dark puncturing, ostiolar peritremes whitish ochraceous. Legs yellow-brown, hind femora with two indistinct subapical dark rings, other femora almost unicoloured.

Body (Fig. 3 a) rather parallel-sided. Head $0.6 \times$ as broad as pronotum, in apical view $1.42 \times$ as broad as high, in profile slightly longer than high (19:18), eyes very large, ocular index $0.45 - 0.54$; frons and vertex shiny, not micro-sculptured, vertex with a very indistinct median impression. Antennae with short semidecumbent hairs, proportions between joints 15:50:16:11, 1st and 2nd joints rather incrassate, the former $0.53 \times$ as long as diatone, the latter about $1.7 \times$ as long as diatone, $1.06 - 1.07 \times$ as long as basal width of pronotum, other joints short, thinner than 2nd. Rostrum extending to middle coxae. Pronotum with longish erect dense pale hair covering, $1.47 \times$ as broad as long at middle (incl. collar), lateral margins shallowly insinuated, carinate, a dense row of punctures row bordering the carinae; collar broadish, shiny; callal area medially constricted, two deep pits at base of the constriction, calli sparsely and finely punctate; puncturing of disk and of proplurae dense and coarse, distance between punctures about as long as diameter of a puncture, basal margin narrowly pale and impunctate. Scutellum swollen, impunctate. Elytra with costal margin broad, impunctate, clavus and corium rather coarsely and densely punctate, puncturing somewhat finer and more irregular than on pronotum; cuneus only finely punctate. Hair covering of under surface longish, pale. Tibial spines delicate, pale. Prosternal xyphus slightly swollen. Male genitalia n Fig. 3 b - f.

Material studied: Nigeria: Ibadan, 1 ♂ type and 1 ♂ paratype, 15. III. 1969 and Ile-Ife, 1 ♂ paratype, 5. IV. 1969, J. Medler, in my collection.

ODHIAMBO (1960 b, p. 257 - 271) has treated the African species of *Chiloxis* Odh. The new species is closely related to *C. setiger* Odh. (Uganda), but that species is smaller, length ♂ 3.8 - 4.1 mm, the frons is shagreened, the 2nd antennal joint is broadly fuscous apically, the elytra are much darker, the ocular index is in ♂ 0.59 - 0.69 etc.

C. (Chiloxis) tuberculifer sp.n.

Length 4.25 mm. Shiny. Yellow-brown, with abundant dark pattern. Puncturing of upper surface dark brown. Head with inverted Y-shaped dark brown figure. Eyes dark brown. Antennae yellow-brown, apical quarter of 2nd joint slightly darkened. Collar and calli of pronotum yellowish, the latter with two longitudinal dark stripes at middle; disk moderately embrowned, with 5 indistinct pale longitudinal stripes, basal margin narrowly pale. Scutellum dark brown, with a narrow midline and a basal spot in lateral margins pale ochraceous. Elytra dark brown; clavus with obliquely transverse band in apical part, sutural margin and a narrow stripe along suture, apically joined to the transverse band, whitish; costal margin in basal two-thirds, corium with a largish spot in basal part, about 3 small subapical spots and 2 small dots in apical margin, whitish ochraceous; cuneus dark brown, with extreme tip dark red and a pale transverse basal fascia as in the following species; membrane smoky, veins brown. Under surface mainly dark brown; propleurae pale, puncturing dark. Scent gland orifices pale. Femora yellow-brown, apex and a subapical ring dark brown; tibiae dark brown, with two pale rings; tarsi dark yellowish brown.

Almost parallel-sided. Glabrous. Head $0.61 \times$ as broad as pronotum, in apical view $1.4 \times$ as broad as high, in profile slightly longer than