

Length 3.75–4.0 mm. Opaque. Pale ochraceous with slight orangish tinge. Frons with slight, broken reddish median line and indistinct fulvous lateral arcs; sides of vertex with faint fulvous tinge; eyes pale or brownish gray. Antennae pale ochraceous, 1st joint slightly infumed with pale irroration, 2nd joint with orangish tinge. Pronotum brown, lateral and basal margins narrowly, a median triramose figure and more or less broken longitudinal sublateral lines whitish. Middle of base of scutellum brown with slight reddish median line continuing on to the pale apical part. Elytra with fulvous tinge and minute faint reddish dotting, most distinct on costal margins; outer part of clavus and the adjacent area of mesocorium sometimes slightly infumed, cuneus more or less infumed; membrane with veins dark brown. Under surface with abundant reddish irroration. Legs pale ochraceous. Femora slightly infumed with pale irroration, tibiae with faint red dotting. — Macropterous. Body about 3.2–3.4 × as long as broad at base of pronotum. Hair covering: stiff, silvery appressed pubescence present on pale midline and near eyes on head, lateral margins and pale longitudinal lines on pronotum, sides and pale midline of scutellum, and in patches on clavus and the adjacent part of corium; elytra also with smooth golden hair covering; head with a few semierect brownish hairs. Head 0.63–0.66 (♂) or 0.56 (♀) × as broad as basal width of pronotum, in dorsal view about 1.26 (♂) or 1.14 (♀) × as broad as long, in lateral view about 1.45 × as high; vertex weakly convex, frons conical with plug-like apical process, clypeus protruding, laterally compressed; eyes large, touching both ventral margin of head and anterior margin of pronotum, ocular index 1.60–1.74 (♂) or 2.3–2.7 (♀). Proportions between antennal joints 42:80:70:40 (♂), 45:82:82:32 (♀); 1st joint 0.93–0.95 (♂) or 1.20–1.56 (♀) × as long as diatone, incrassate, with appressed brownish hairs and a few whitish erect bristles; 2nd joint about 0.8 (♂) or 2.15 (♀) × as long as diatone, 1.12 (♂) or 1.20–1.22 (♀) × as long as basal width of pronotum, hair covering pale, short and smooth. Rostrum extending to base of venter. Pronotum about 2.2 × as broad as long in middle, collar broad; lateral margins strongly diverging caudad, insinuated, callose, uneven, subacute, basal margin shallowly insinuated; calli faint, disc moderately convex,

sloping anterolaterad. Basal part of scutellum declining caudad, apical part with blunt median elevation. Elytra longer than abdomen. Venter with appressed pale hair covering. Femora with slight pale elevations on apical part. Tibial spines pale, delicate, about as long as tibial diameter. Hind tibia about 1.8 × as long as basal width of pronotum. Proportions between hind tarsomeres 7:11:12. Claw as in Fig. 4b. — Male genitalia in Figs. 4c–k, 6a–c. Pygofer elongately conical. Apical process of right style straight. Dorsal margin of left style evenly rounded, hypophysis falcate, apical process of sensory lobe short, triangular. Subapical process of theca narrowly triangular. Vesica long, gracile, winding, apical part broadly falcate, smooth.

Biology: On an unidentified Compositae shrub in a sandy habitat.

A. minutissimus sp. n.

Figs. 5, 6d–j, 8a–c

Material studied: Yemen: Ta'izz, 20 km S of Hais, ♂ holotype and several paratypes, 5. and 21.V.1982; Hajjah, Harad, 1 paratype, 19.V.1992; Ibb, Gadaba, 1 paratype, 10.IV.1992, Linnavuori; Ta'izz, 1 paratype, 19–20.X.1991, A. van Harten, in coll. Linnavuori (AMNH).

Diagnosis: Very small. Contrastingly bicolorous, pale yellow with reddish pattern. Females brachypterous.

Length 2.5 mm. Opaque. Pale ochraceous. Head and pronotum reddish brown or purplish with more or less spread pale mottling. Eyes reddish gray. 1st antennal joint purplish with pale mottling, other joints pale orangish with whitish bases. Base of scutellum brown with pale mottling. Apex of scutellum and elytra contrastingly whitish yellow; base of clavus and basal two-thirds or exocorium purplish with pale mottling; cuneus, basal inner angle especially, with purplish dotting; membrane (♂) with veins pale brownish gray. Under surface pale yellowish; sides of head, pronotum and base of venter purplish. Legs pale yellowish; apices of fore and middle femora with faint orangish mottling; apical half of hind femora purplish with pale mottling. Basal parts of tibiae with purplish spots. — ♂ macropterous, parallel-sided, ♀ brachypterous, elongately pyriform. Upper surface with stiff