

***Celleporaria sicaria* sp.nov.**
(Fig. 9C,D)

MATERIAL EXAMINED

HOLOTYPE: QMG304965, Stn. 25.

DESCRIPTION

Colony encrusting, multilaminar. Autozooids broadly oval, convex, separated by distinct sutures; 0.6-1.0 x 0.4-0.6mm. Frontal shield calcification finely nodular, with a single series of indistinct marginal pores, and a more conspicuous series of larger pores traversing the shield just proximal to the suboral avicularium. Primary orifice wider than long, 0.12 x 0.22mm, with straight proximal edge; two to four slender, distal oral spines present, peristome developed as a low, projecting lip along proximal edge of orifice. Suboral avicularium medially situated, with substantial cystid; rostrum 0.15-0.2mm, elongate triangular, acute to frontal plane, facing laterally. Vicarious avicularia as large as autozooids, with dagger-like rostrum, 0.5-0.7mm long, pointed distally and with a coarsely toothed rim. Numerous small adventitious avicularia present, developed along one or both of the autozoid frontal pore series; mostly smaller than the suboral avicularium, with elongate oval rostrum. Ovicells not present.

REMARKS

A single colony 1cm² was collected from Stn. 25. The distinctive orifice and suboral avicularium, and striking vicarious avicularium, together distinguish this species from all others presently assigned to *Celleporaria*.

ETYMOLOGY

Latin, *sica*, a dagger.

