

Exechonella ampullacea Hayward & Ryland, 1995, p. 547, fig. 7E.

***Exechonella ampullacea* sp.nov.**
(Fig. 7E)

MATERIAL EXAMINED

HOLOTYPE: Stn. B27: QMG304975.

PARATYPE: Stn. B27: QMG304977.

DESCRIPTION

Colony encrusting, unilaminar; developing a small, coherent patch, or dividing into short series of two or three autozoid rows. Autozooids oval, convex, separated by deep grooves, with a tall, cylindrical, terminal peristome imparting overall a bottle shape; 0.7-0.9 x 0.45-0.55mm. Frontal shield with 30-40 round foramina, each with a thick, raised, more or less circular rim; peristome finely nodular, imperforate, cylindrical, with a slightly flared rim, up to 0.3mm long when undamaged. Primary orifice transversely oval, without conspicuous condyles. No avicularia present.

REMARKS

This species differs from other described species of *Exechonella* in the small size of its autozooids and in the proportionately smaller, more densely distributed foramina. It most resembles *E. tuberculata* (MacGillivray) but lacks the spinous frontal processes described in that species by Harmer (1957), and is very much smaller, with smaller frontal foramina, than the specimen illustrated by Gordon (1989a; pl.23, fig.D).

ETYMOLOGY

Latin, *ampullaceus*, flask-like.

