

***Celleporina cochlearia* sp.nov.**
(Fig. 14A,B)

MATERIAL EXAMINED

HOLOTYPE: QMG304976, Heron Id., on *Sargassum* sp.

DESCRIPTION

Colony a small, domed patch, 2-3mm diameter. Autozooids small, tumid, smoothly calcified, with few, large marginal pores. Primary orifice terminal, 0.10mm long, about as wide as long; rather angular, the proximal edge concave, between indistinct condyles. Peristome developed from a pair of large septula flanking the orifice; short and thick laterally, thickened and umbonate proximally; incorporating a single median suboral avicularium, with short oval rostrum, acute to orifice plane and proximally directed. Ovicell more or less hemispherical; tabula flat and occupying most of frontal surface, with irregular slits around its periphery. Vicarious avicularium distinctive, 0.3mm long, broadest across the slender crossbar; proximal portion more or less semicircular, rostrum long and slender, only half width across condyles, almost parallel-sided with a smoothly rounded tip.

REMARKS

This small *Celleporina* occurred only on *Sargassum*, but was abundant in the samples collected. It is especially characterized by its single, median suboral avicularium, by the broad frontal tabula to the ovicell, and by the long, slender avicularium, which resembles a cook's ladle.

ETYMOLOGY

Latin, *cochlear*, a ladle.

