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(Fig. 2a)

*Membranipora defenza* Kirkpatrick, 1888: 74, pl. 8, fig. 8.

*Material*

BMNH reg. no. 1888.1.25.6, Holotype; 1934.10.6.9, 10, 'Mauritius'.

*Remarks*

The only specimens of this species known are those from the original collection studied by Kirkpatrick (1888), and no further material was collected during the present survey. *Membranipora defenza* Kirkpatrick seems more correctly placed in *Aspidelectra*; the autozooids have smooth gymnocysts, comprising up to one-quarter of the total zooid length, and narrow cryptocystal rims. The opesia is surrounded by 14 or 15 slender, flattened spines, spaced well apart, overarching the frontal membrane and meeting, though not fusing, along the midline. There is a single pair of short, thick, bifurcate oral spines.

(a)

