

GENUS: *GAUSSIA*

Comparatively large hefty specimens and are similar to *Pleuromamma* in general body form, without thoracic pigment spot. Posterior corners of the last pedigerous segment produced into long spikes. Genital segment greatly and sometimes asymmetrically inflated in a lateral direction. Anal segment with pterygoid appendages directed backward and almost concealing half of the caudal rami; latter short. Right antennule of male geniculate. Urosome composed of three segments in female, five segments in male. Swimming legs of the Metridia type. Proximal joint of endopodite of 2nd pair of legs with two inner hooks. Fifth pair of legs; in female with three or four free joints, distal joint setose; in male 3-jointed, without long thin inner process perpendicular to long axis of leg.