

GENUS: *METRIDIA*

Urosome long. Caudal rami thin, sometimes very long. Terminal abdominall segment with elongated posterior corners. Distal joint of 2nd, 3rd and 4th pairs of legs with three outer spines. Proximal joint of endopodite of 2nd pair of legs greatly narrowed in proximal part, with pair of hooks above the constriction, one hook larger, the other resting on the base of the former. Fifth pair of legs of female 3-4 jointed; distal joint bearing two, usually three, long thin hairy bristles. Distal joint of right leg of fifth pair of male widened slightly, third joint of same leg with long curved appendage on inner margin.