

genus of beetles with large mandibles, in allusion to the appearance of the lip. From the Greek *odonto-* and *labis*, "a toothed pincers," referring to the mandibles.

TYPE: PANAMA: Prov. of Chiriquí: Cerro Punta, collected by A. Maduro 20-M, C. Luer 11633 (Holotype: MO).

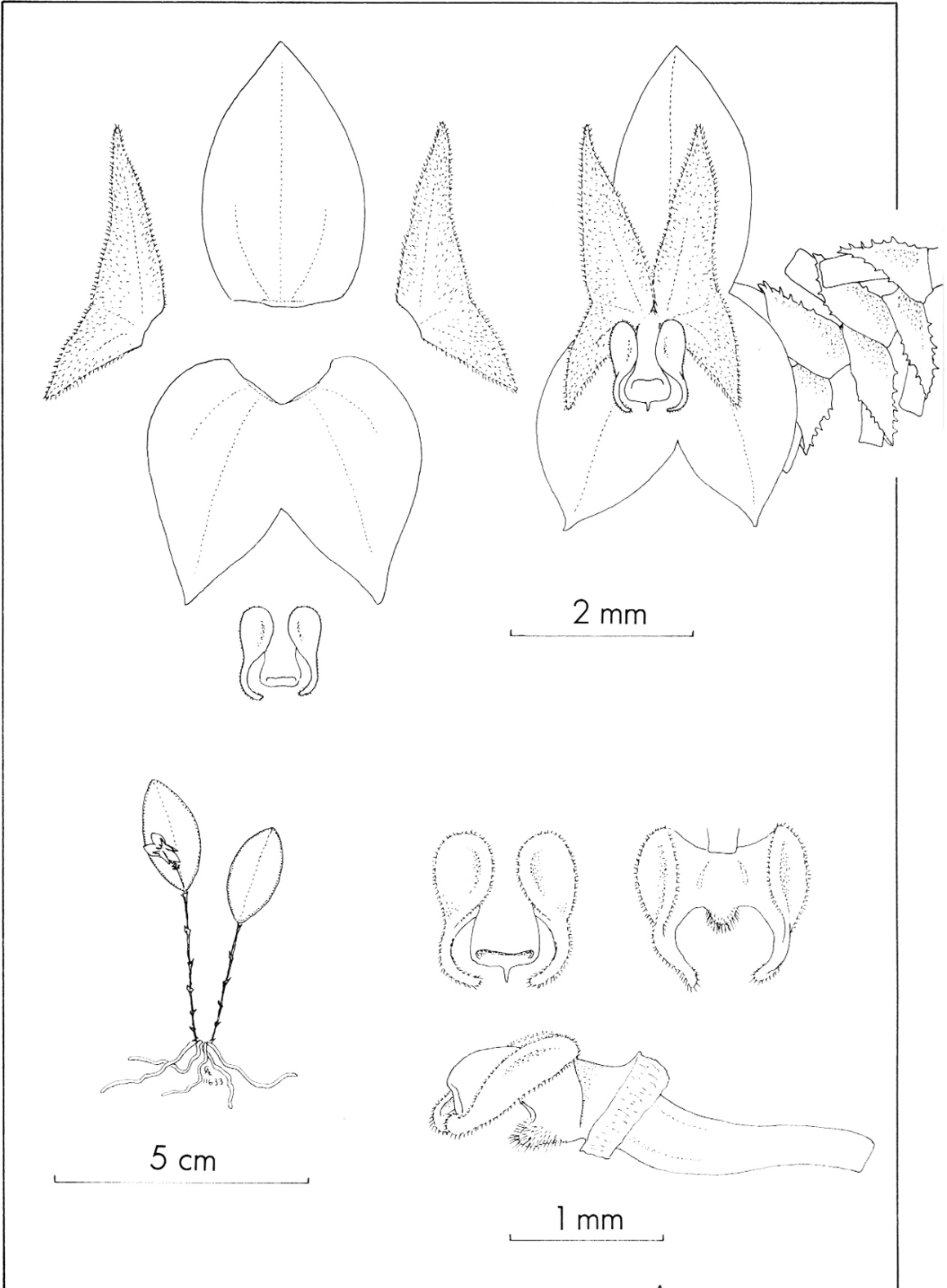
This species is readily distinguished by the pubescent, narrowly triangular lobes of the petals, and the blades of the lip that are attenuate above the middle and curving around the apex of the column like pincers. The appendix is short, thick, and long-pubescent.

Lepanthes odontolabis Luer, sp. nov.

Planta parva caespitosa, inflorescentia racemosa congestissima disticha folio elliptico brevior, sepalis ovatis acutis, petalis transverse bilobatis, lobis triangularibus acutis, lobo superiore majore, labelli lamina ovatis supra medium anguste incurvatis, appendice ovoidea brevi crassa pubescenti.

Plant small, epiphytic, caespitose; roots slender. Ramicauls slender, erect, 3 cm long, enclosed by 5-7 minutely ciliate, lepanthiform sheaths. Leaf erect, coriaceous, elliptical, subacute, 23 mm long, 12 mm wide, the base cuneate into a petiole 1 mm long. Inflorescence a very congested, distichous, successively many-flowered raceme up to 5 mm long, borne behind the leaf by a filiform peduncle 6 mm long; floral bracts imbricating, 1.5 mm long, muriculate; pedicels 1 mm long; ovary 1.5 mm long; sepals white, suffused with pink centrally, carinate, ovate, acute, entire, the dorsal sepal 3 mm long, 1.8 mm wide, connate to the lateral sepals for 0.75 mm, the lateral sepals oblique, 2.5 mm long, 1.5 mm wide, connate 1 mm; petals rose, shortly pubescent, transversely bilobed, 1 mm long, 4 mm wide, 3-veined, the lobes narrowly triangular, oblique, acute, the upper lobe slightly larger; lip red, bilaminar, the blades shortly pubescent, ovate below the middle, narrowly attenuate above the middle with the apices incurved and surrounding the apex of the column, 1 mm long, the connectives broadly cuneate, forming a broad body, connate to the base of the column, the sinus obtuse, the appendix short, thick, ovoid, long-pubescent; column thick, 1 mm long, the anther apical, the stigma ventral.

ETYMOLOGY: Named for *Odontolabis*, the tropical



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