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Literature:

Hartman, 1963

Diagnostic characters:

1. Thorax with 12 setigers; first setiger with notosetae only.
2. Last 2 thoracic setigers with hooks in the neuropodia; all notosetae capillaries.
3. Thorax tapers gradually into abdomen.
4. Thorax weakly areolate.
5. Palmate branchiae present in posterior abdomen; dorsally situated.

Related species and differences:

Leiochrides hemipodus - thoracic setae all capillaries. i.e., no hooks in thoracic neuropodia.

Distribution:

Central and southern California, canyon and slope depths (600-1000 m).  
Specific locales: Santa Maria Basin, Point Conception, Point Dume, Orange County Deep Sludge, Santa Monica Bay, Tanner Canyon.