Figure 6: Courtship and copulation sequence in *Oxyhaloa deusta*, involving a teneral female

The male pauses with his antennae in contact with the abdomen of the female (Fig. 6a), curves his abdomen courting the female a few more times (Fig. 6b-e) and, in the same movement, he grasps the female’s genitalia to finish the behavioral sequence with the two partners end-to-end in opposed directions (Fig. 6j).

On Fig. 6c and Fig. 6d, it worth noting that one of the antennae of the female is directly in contact with the male’s tergite.

From Fig. 6e to Fig. 6i, appears the peculiar and characteristic twist of the male’s abdomen. He simultaneously rotates and extends his abdomen to insert his phallomeres into the genital chamber of the female (Fig. 6f-i).