

Magical gem: Uterus within Ouroboros

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Collection	US Ann Arbor, University of Michigan, Kelsey Museum of Archaeology
Inventory	26036
References	Bonner, SMA D. 137; Michel, DMG, no. 54.1.a_1
Material	carnelian (colour unspecified)
Dimensions	17 x 13 x 5 mm
Iconography	Ouroboros; uterus, in the form of a cupping vessel
Divine Names & Voces	ἰάω; vocales



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A: Ouroboros, with head at top to left, enclosing a uterus-symbol in the form of a cupping vessel, ligaments visible. Below the uterus, an inscription in three lines: αηοει|ηιαωευ|ειαω → vocales including ἰάω.

B: Plain.

Bibliography

[Bonner, SMA on Cbd-1353](#)

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