Magical gem: Lizard (A) Greek text (B)

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hornblende (grey to black); Material

garnet (red)

animal: lizard; moon, **Iconography**

crescent

Divine Names &

Voces

voces, unidentified





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A: Lizard seen from above, crawling to top. Above, a crescent, pointing downwards. Letters around: πηρα. Perhaps \rightarrow πηρά. 'Blind'?

B: Inscription in two lines: $κανθε|σουλε \rightarrow κανθὲ σ' οὕλε. 'Eye, be healthy!' (The interpretation of 'σ'$ is uncertain. However, the inscription including '\sigma' seems to appear more frequently on magical gems of the type.)

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