

Magical gem: Uterus, vocales (A) Greek inscription (B-C)

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References	Zwierlein-Diehl, Köln 27; Michel, DMG, no. 54.1.c_9
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	16.5 x 13.7 x 2.1 mm
Dating	second half of the 2nd–first half of the 3rd c. AD (Zwierlein-Diehl)
Iconography	key (7-bitted); uterus, in the form of a cupping vessel; Ouroboros
Divine Names & Voces	voces, unidentified; vocales



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- A: Enclosed within the Ouroboros, with head at top to right: a uterus and a seven-bitted key.
Inscription around the uterus: ασηηεασηεαιαιιασηι → vocales.
B: Inscription in eight
lines: τρασαρ|ητιψωτετ|ρασαρητιψω|τετραγετα|βαρρωσηαψ||ορρωρερμ|ιταθηαχ|ωβ.
C: Inscription around the edge: εωθαρρωειλλααλαοθωραλ → unidentified voces.

Bibliography

[Zwierlein-Diehl, Köln on CBd-1957](#)