

## Magical gem: Uterus with key (A) ορωριουθ and vox (B)

<b>CBd-Number</b>	CBd-2136
<b>ID-Number</b>	DE-Berlin-Aeg_11915
<b>Collection</b>	DE_Berlin, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, Ägyptisches Museum
<b>Inventory</b>	11915
<b>References</b>	Philipp, <i>Mira et Magica</i> , no. 181; Michel, <i>DMG</i> , no. 54.1.b_9
<b>Former Collections</b>	Stosch, Philipp von, Collection
<b>Material</b>	haematite (black)
<b>Dimensions</b>	19 x 17 x 3 mm
<b>Dating</b>	turn of the 2nd-3rd c. AD (H. Philipp)
<b>Iconography</b>	key (7-bitted); uterus, in the form of a cupping vessel
<b>Divine Names &amp; Voces</b>	voces, unidentified; ορωριουθ



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A: Womb with a seven-bitted key below it, fallopian tubes visible.

B: Greek inscription in three lines: ορωριουθ|θθαλβου|θαλβαα → ορωριουθ and unidentified vox (R. Merkelbach: variants of Ἀβλαναθαναλβα-palindrome?).

### Bibliography

[Philipp, \*Mira et Magica\* on CBd-2136](#)

[Michel, \*DMG\*, 54.1.b\\_9.](#)

### Images

Cast of CBd-2136 [obverse](#) and [reverse](#) in the [Gem Impressions Collection of Cornell University Library](#)

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