

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

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

Bibliography

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

[Michel, *DMG*, 54.1.b_9.](#)

Images

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