

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

CBd-Number	CBd-2137
ID-Number	DE-Berlin-Aeg_11918
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Inventory	11918
References	Philipp, <i>Mira et Magica</i> , no. 182; Michel, <i>DMG</i> , no. 54.1.b_10
Former Collections	Stosch, Philipp von, Collection
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	18.5 x 14.5 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; object, unidentified
Divine Names & Voces	voces, unidentified; ορωριουθ



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A: Womb with a seven-bitted key below it, fallopian tubes visible. Engraved circle on the surface of the womb.

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

Bibliography

[Philipp, *Mira et Magica* on CBd-2137](#)

[Michel, *DMG*, 54.1.b_10.](#)

Images

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