

Magical gem: Ouroboros with a Greek inscription (A)

Greek inscription , characteres (B)

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Collection	IT_Perugia, Museo Archeologico Nazionale dell'Umbria
Inventory	1739
References	Mastrocinque, SGG II, no. Pe 27; Vitellozzi 2010b, no. 528
Former Collections	Guardabassi, Mariano (1823-1880)
Material	carnelian, red to brown
Dimensions	13.5 x 9.6 x 3.2 mm
Iconography	Ouroboros
Divine Names & Voces	Βαῖνχωωωχ, variants; Ἄβραάμ



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Description: Transverse oval, both faces flat. Shape 8-9. Red carnelian. Chipped on the edge. Previously part of the Guardabassi Collection.

A: Ouroboros with a Greek inscription around and inside its body. The outer inscription: χωχωκ[---]ηκαησιλωθαναιουσιν → variant of Βαῖνχωωωχ (?). Greek inscription in three lines inside: θυδημω|σοαβραμ|συχβρεν → voces including a variant of Ἄβραάμ.

B: Inscription in three lines: ορκιζωσε| characteres | characteres → ἐξορκίζω σε 'I adjure you.'

Bibliography

[SGGII](#), 114-115, Pe 27.

[Vitellozzi 2010b](#), 427-428, no. 528

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