

Magical gem: Anguipes (A) characteres (B)

CBd-Number	CBd-627
ID-Number	GB-BM-MMEu_G 237, EA 56237
Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 237 (EA 56237)
References	Michel, BM, no. 229; Michel, DMG, no. 3.A.4.b_1
Former Collections	Chester, Greville John (1830-1892)
Material	heliotrope
Dimensions	16.5 x 12 x 2.5 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	Anguipes, cock-headed; weapon: armour; weapon: shield; whip
Divine Names & Voces	vocales



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A: Frontal view of cock-headed Anguipes in armour, head to right. Both hands lowered beside the body: right one holding a whip, left one resting on a round shield. Snake's legs parallel, to right. On the left side of the gemstone three vertical inscriptions, all of them in two lines. Next to the head: λη/οη; next to the right arm: ιο|υ; next to the legs: ιωη|ωη → vocales.
B: Characteres and alphabetic letters in three lines.

Bibliography

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