

## Magical gem: Uterus with key (A) voces (B)

<b>CBd-Number</b>	CBd-729
<b>ID-Number</b>	GB-BM-MMEu_G 540, EA 35441
<b>Collection</b>	GB_London, The British Museum
<b>Inventory</b>	G 540 (EA 35441)
<b>References</b>	Michel, BM, no. 352; Michel, DMG, no. 54.1.b_13
<b>Material</b>	haematite (black)
<b>Dimensions</b>	18 x 13 x 2 mm
<b>Dating</b>	3rd c. AD (Michel)
<b>Iconography</b>	uterus, in the form of a cupping vessel; key (7-bitted)
<b>Divine Names &amp; Voces</b>	Ἰάω; Σαβαώθ; ορωριουθ; Ἰάω, variants; ιαωαι-palindrome



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A: Uterus with a seven-bitted key.

B: Inscription in five lines: ορωριου|θιαηωιαω[- -]|ζσαβαωθ|ιαηωιαωαι|ορουωθ → voces including ορωριουθ, vocales, Ἰάω, Σαβαώθ, vocales, Ἰάω-palindrome, variant of ορωριουθ.

### Bibliography

[Michel, BM on CBd-729](#)

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