

Magical gem: Ouroboros enclosing characteres (A) Greek inscription (B)

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References	Michel, BM, no. 535; Michel, DMG, no. 28.13.a_15
Former Collections	Ogden Collection
Material	carnelian (colour unspecified)
Dimensions	15 x 22 x 4 mm
Dating	4th c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	Ouroboros; star
Divine Names & Voces	vocales; ἰάω, variants



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A: Ouroboros, enclosing three characteres: two Z-signs and a six-pointed star.

B: Inscription in three lines: ηιηη|εουωη|ηη → vocales.

Bibliography

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