# CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING THE GREEK GOLD COINS STRUCK DURING THE $4^{\text {TH }}$ TO THE $1^{\text {ST }}$ CENTURIES BC IN THE LIGHT OF THE XRF ANALYSIS 

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#### Abstract

There were published the results of the XRF analysis from the ROMARCHAEOMET program on the 134 Hellenistic Gold coins struck between the $4^{\text {th }}$ and the $1^{s t}$ century BC with a significant presence in the discoveries from Dacia. The first group is composed by staters from Philip II, Alexander the Great and Philip III struck during the $4^{\text {th }}$ and the $3^{\text {rd }}$ centuries BC in the Macedonian kingdom and different cities from the Hellenistic world. The second one contains Lysimachus type staters struck in the Greek cities from the Black Sea region during the $3^{\text {rd }}$ to the $I^{\text {st }}$ centuries BC. There were also discussed several aspects concerning the attribution and the chronology of the staters, regarding especially the staters from Istros, Tomis and Kallatis.


Rezumat: Sunt publicate rezultatele analizelor efectuate in cadrul programului ROMARCHAEOMET asupra a 134 de monede din aur elenistice bătute in sec. IV-I a.Chr. a căror prezență în Dacia a fost semnalată prin mai multe descoperiri. Un prim grup de piese este alcătuit din stateri din aur de tip Filip II, Alexandru cel Mare şi Filip III emişi în sec. IV-III a.Chr. în regatul macedonean şi apoi în diferite oraşe din lumea elenistică. Cel de-al doilea grup de emisiuni este alcătuit din stateri de tip Lysimach puşi în circulație de orassele grecesti din zona Mării Negre în sec. III-I a.Chr. Pe baza rezultatelor analizelor sunt discutate o serie de aspecte privind atribuirea şi cronologia staterilor, cu specială privire asupra emisiunilor oraşelor greceşti Istros, Tomis şi Kallatis.

Key words: XRF analysis, gold coins, stater, Philip, Alexander, Lysimachus.
Cuvinte cheie: analize XRF, monede de aur, stater, Filip, Alexandru, Lysimach.

## Introduction

The earliest precious metal coins attested in the Geto-Dacian territories were the electrum staters from Cyzicos, struck in the $6^{\text {th }}$ century BC. From the first discoveries there were several coins of $1 / 6$ stater (hekté) found at Istros during archaeological excavations and also the great hoards from Orlovka (on the Danube, Odessa region, in western part of Ukraine) and Cuzgun (Ion Corvin), Constanța County ${ }^{1}$. ROMARCHAEOMET program XRF analysis on a hekté from Cyzicos discovered in 1955 at Istros reflects the following electrum composition: Au $57.1 \%, \mathrm{Ag} 39.0 \%, \mathrm{Cu} 2.7 \%$. The transition from the electrum coins to the gold ones was made during the reign of Cresus, king of Lydia (561-546 B.C), which was one of the richest regions from Minor Asia in gold ore. The Persian expansion during the reign of Darius I

[^0](522-486 BC) was followed by the introduction of the darics, well refined gold coins having a title between $96.3 \%$ and $98.7 \%^{2}$. Their presence in the West Pontic region was recently proved by a hoard discovered in Dobroudja ${ }^{3}$. After they thhad an important impact in the regions of Minor Asia, Balcan Peninsula, and the entire area of Greek influence from the border of the Black Sea during the $5^{\text {th }}$ to the $4^{\text {th }}$ century BC , the Cyzicos electrum issues and the Persian darics were finally replaced with the Macedonian staters of a high title (99\%) struck by Philip II, Alexander the Great and Philip III. There were several factors contributing to the rise of the Macedonian stater in Dacia from the end of the $4^{\text {th }}$ century BC and the beginning of the next one: the recruitment of mercenaries, commercial exchanges, and political subsidies from the West Pontic Greek cities to the local kingdoms. The penetration in Dacia of the Philip II, Alexander the Great and later Lysimachus type staters is well attested by important discoveries (coin hoards from Anadol, Mărăşeşti, Gâldău and Dăeni). Alexander the Great type staters become the prototype of the gold coins for a long time after king's death in the entire Hellenistic world of the $3^{\text {rd }}$ century BC . As a direct consequence of the Empire' division between the main generals of Alexander the Great, the central power lose the control over the gold coins mintage, so that the posthumous issues were struck not only by the Hellenistic kingdoms but also by a great number of Greek cities becoming again independent. The lifetime Lysimachus type staters, in the name of the new king of Thrace, had a great impact in the entire area, becoming prototypes for many gold coins struck from the $3^{\text {rd }}$ to the $1^{\text {st }}$ century BC in a great number of Greek cities from Minor Asia and Balkan Peninsula. This is the reason why the chronology and the mint identity of several gold issues of Alexander the Great and Lysimachus type are still difficult to specify. So, investigating the compositional analysis together with the study of the numismatic material we can make significant progress. During ROMARCHAEOMET program there were analysed 134 staters (Philip II, Alexander the Great, Philip III and Lysimachus type) from Macedonian kingdom, West Pontic Greek cities, Asia Minor, Middle East and Egypt from the collections of the „Vasile Pârvan" Institute of Archaeology of the Romanian Academy and Cabinet des Médailles from the Library of the Romanian Academy (Bucharest) - with a special interest for the gold coins from Istros, Tomis and Kallatis ${ }^{4}$.

## Experimental methods

The characteristic X-ray based elemental analysis method used was X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF), which require no sample preparation (the samples are measured practically in any shape delivered), based on two dedicated spectrometers - a portable one and a stationary one. For the portable spectrometer, the exciting X-ray beam is generated by a 40 kV tube with $\mathrm{Rh}-$ anode. The detection system is a PIN silicon diode detector with Peltier cooling. The resolution of the detector is 270 eV for the $\mathrm{K}_{\alpha}$ line of $\mathrm{Mn}(5.89 \mathrm{keV})$. The measurement spot size is about $30 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$. The X-MET XRF analyzer has a Hewlett-Packard (HP) iPAQ personal data assistant (PDA) for software management and data storage. The stationary spectrometer has a 50 kV Mo-anode tube and a Peltier cooled Si drift chamber detector, with 170 eV resolution for the

[^1]$\mathrm{K}_{\alpha}$ line of $\mathrm{Mn}(5.89 \mathrm{keV})$. The typical diameter of the measurement spot is 0.7 mm , but it can be optimized for different tasks to $0.2 \mathrm{~mm}, 0.6 \mathrm{~mm}, 1 \mathrm{~mm}$ or 2 mm with four integrated software controlled - collimators. A double video system with different magnifications is used to determine the exact measurement position in the large sample chamber.

The analyses on the coins marked in table with "CNBAR" were made with a X-ray portable spectrometer InnovX Systems Alpha Series type, anticathode W, SIPIN detector with Peltier cooling system; parameters : $35 \mathrm{kV}, 40$ microA, acquisition time 30 s .

## Analysis of the coins

From the oldest Macedonian issues there were analyzed 19 gold coins of Philip II type: eight staters, eight samples of $1 / 4$ stater and a single one of $1 / 12$ stater struck at Amphipolis and Pella and another two staters from Abydos. We have a very high title - the highest until this time, higher then any other earlier coin - for the fifth staters of Philip II lifetime (340-336 BC) from Pella (4) and Amphipolis (1), Macedonian kingdom, or between 336-328 BC, during the reign of Alexander the Great: $99.2 \%-99.5 \%$. We can suppose that for the coins struck during Philip II lifetime were minted using gold from Macedonian mines ${ }^{5}$. Another three coins of Philip II type struck after Alexander the Great death at Amphipolis (2; 323/322-315 BC) and Pella $(1 ; 323 / 322-310 \mathrm{BC})$ reflects also a very high title (99.4-99.5\%). In a similar situation there are the two Philip II type staters struck at Abydos between 325-318 BC: 99.3\%-99.7\%. Similar values, between $99.3 \%-99.9 \%$, were obtained by AAP and LA-ICP-MS investigations made on four lifetime Philip II staters struck at Pella and Amphipolis ${ }^{6}$. Significant title fluctuations (between $98.2 \%$ şi $99.9 \%$ ) were noticed for the posthumous Philip II type staters struck during the reigns of Alexander the Great and Philip III $^{7}$. We must be enough cautious, because our collections contains also a number of modern forgeries after Philip II gold coins type and not all of them are easy to identify. So, from the eight analyzed coins of $1 / 4$ stater, only five have a normal, high title (over 99.1\%), while for other three samples of the same denomination we noticed unusual low values for gold $(95.7 \%, 96.7 \%$ and $96.9 \%)$ and unnatural high values for silver (between $1.7 \%$ and $2.8 \%$ ). All the three samples have a common element: there are not in the acceptable limits of the metrological standard weighting too much or too less reported to the standard weight $(2.15 \mathrm{~g})$ of a $1 / 4$ stater. Iconographical and metrological study of the eight coins suggests another modern forgery (CNBAR AV. A $25^{8}$ ), despite his high title of gold (more then $99 \%$ ). We noticed also that the coin was struck using the same pair of dies with the coin CNBAR AV. A $24^{9}$, a modern fake with a title of only $96.7 \%$. Although they were struck with the same pair of dies, different alloys of gold were used for the two coins, one of them having a high percentage of silver and another one a much lower one. We have a similar coin, struck with the same pair of dies, from the old collections of the National Museum of Antiquities (before 1916) from the „Vasile Pârvan" Institute of Archaeology of the Romanian

[^2]Academy ${ }^{10}$. This proves that the three forgeries were made by the same counterfeiter from the second half of the $19^{\text {th }}$ century or beginning of the $20^{\text {th }}$.

Concerning Alexander the Great type lifetime staters and early posthumous ones (years 323-305 BC), there were made analysis on 18 pieces from Amphipolis (4), Abydos (2), Ake (2), Sardes (3), Sidon (2), Babylon (4) and Memphis (1). From the fourth analysed coins struck at Amphipolis, three belongs to the years 330-320 BC and they have a title between $99.3 \%$ and $99.7 \%$. There are quite similar with the values obtained for the posthumous Philip II staters from the years $336-328 \mathrm{BC}$; in both cases gold are probably coming from the Macedonian mines. The last Alexander the Great type stater struck at Amphipolis ${ }^{11}$ (IAB 546) shows a combination of symbols and letters (trident and $\Pi \bullet$ on the reverse, in the left field) unknown to the standard catalogue of M. J. Price ${ }^{12}$. We have the same sign $\Pi \bullet$ on the Philip $\mathrm{II}^{13}$ staters assigned by G. Le Rider - with cautions - to the mint of Amphipolis, years 323/322-315 BC. The association of the same two marks was noticed also on the tetradrachms of the same mint, Amphipolis ${ }^{14}$. The similar Alexander the Great type staters (with trident or trident with a letter) were assigned also with cautions by M. J. Price to the same mint of Amphipolis, years 330-320 $\mathrm{BC}^{15}$. The XRF analysis of this coin reflect the following structure: $\mathrm{Au} 99.7 \%, \mathrm{Ag} 0.1 \%$ şi Cu $0.1 \%$ - normal values for the Alexander the Great staters struck at Amphipolis between 330-320 BC and also for the posthumous Philip II type staters from the same mint, years 323/322-315 BC. All this considerations suggest that the Alexander the Great type stater IAB 546 could be included in a series of gold coins struck at Amphipolis between 323-320 BC.

The analysis made on two Alexander the Great type staters - considered with cautions by M. J. Price as belonging to the mint of Abydos, years 323-317 BC - , seems to confirm the same M. Thompson ${ }^{16}$ localisation of the mint. We have a very high title for the both coins ( $99.5 \%$ and $99.6 \%$ ), similar with that of the posthumous Philip II staters from the same mint, years 323-320 BC ${ }^{17}$ and also with that of the Philip III stater from the years 319-317 $\mathrm{BC}^{18}$. The XRF analysis on Alexander the Great type staters struck in Eastern mints reflects a significant decrease of the title, the usual explanation consisting in the use of the Persian gold ${ }^{19}$. The XRF analysis made on the three staters struck in Sardes between 334-323 BC revealed a gold title between $98.3 \%$ and $98.9 \%$, sustaining the idea of the use of local gold and the melting of the Persian darics, reusing their gold for the mintage of the Alexander the Great staters in Sardes after the Macedonian conquest. Another argument is represented by the results of AAP and LA-ICP-MS analysis on several Persian darics struck in Sardes, having a gold title between $97.1 \%$ and $98.7 \%{ }^{20}$. The melting of the Persian darics and hoards was one of the gold sources for the Alexander the Great type staters struck in the Eastern mints. For example, the eight

[^3]staters from Ake (2), Sidon (2) and Babylon (4) have a gold title between $97.5 \%$ and $98.9 \%$. One of the coins from Sidon (IAB 524), undated by M. J. Price, has a similar composition with the other one (IAB 525), struck in 324-323 BC. The results suggest that the coin IAB 524 could be dated to the end of the reign of Alexander the Great. For an Alexander the Great type stater struck at Memphis, in Egypt ${ }^{21}$, years 332-323 BC, variant to the standard catalogue of M. J. Price ${ }^{22}$ (Price 3966 A var.), the result of the XRF analysis ( $\mathrm{Au} 98.1 \%$, $\mathrm{Ag} 1.4 \%$ şi $\mathrm{Cu} 0.2 \%$ ) suggests also the use of the local gold. The analyses confirm also different sources of gold for three Philip III type staters struck between 323-317 BC at Abydos, Lampsakos and Babylon.

Alexander the Great type staters from the West Pontic Greek cities received a special attention between the ROMARCHAEOMET program. A significant series of Alexander the Great type staters struck at Kallatis between 250-225 BC (Price chronology) ${ }^{23}$ presents a special interest. The entire lot was analyzed from the point of view of the letters or monograms from their reverse, following the order of the standard catalogue of M. J. Price ${ }^{24}$. There were investigated 34 staters illustrating most of the numbers from the catalogue. The Alexander the Great type stater Price 890, without monogram, was attributed to Kallatis on the single reason of its presence in the Mărăşeşti hoard. It has a very high title (99.7\%). Investigating eight staters of Price 894 and 896 types, we noticed some obverse die-links between them, so the two types were struck almost in the same time despite their different monograms from the reverse. The XRF analyses show that the coins Price 896 have a better title ( $99.6 \%$ and $99.9 \%$ ), so there are probably struck the first. For the second type (Price 894) the title has fluctuations between $99.6 \%$ and $97.8 \%$. We have also a consistent group of staters of Price 910 type ( 10 samples) and there were struck with four different obverse dies. Fluctuations of the gold title are more important, from $99.8 \%$ to $96.4 \%$; there are not so extensive for Price 914 ( $99.6 \%$ to $98.8 \%$ ). The similar style of the two issues suggests that there were struck in the same time or one after another over a short period. The coins Price 915 show a stylistic connection with Price 914, so it is quite probable that there were struck in the same period. It has a better gold title (99.7\%). The style changes for Price 916 despite their apparently similar monograms with Price 915. We analyzed a single coin, having a very low title ( $95.4 \%$ ). Both considerations suggest that the staters Price 916 are one of the last Alexander the Great gold coins struck at Kallatis. All our analyses show that we have for each Price' series coins with a very high title (99.8\%) and also low title samples $(95.4 \%)$. The stylistic observations and the distribution of the analyses results for each pair of dies suggest the mintage of the above mentioned series of Alexander the Great staters from Kallatis in a very short period. All data (metal title, style, discoveries) sustain the mintage of the most series of the Alexander the Great staters from Kallatis at the middle of the third century BC, almost in the same time, in the context of the war with Byzantion.

We have also some data on a very rare coin, an Alexander the Great type stater from Istros (Price 964), struck before the first Lysimachus type gold coins of the same city ${ }^{25}$. XRF analysis reflects a very high title ( $99.8 \%$ ), similar to the values of the same type gold coins from Kallatis that we have just considered as from the middle of the $3^{\text {rd }}$ century BC.. The stylistic features, the title and also the structure of the monetary discoveries (the hoards from

[^4]Anadol and Dăeni) sustain the attribution of this Istros coin to the middle of the $3^{\text {rd }}$ century BC. This data and the exceptional character of the mintage of the Alexander the Great type staters from Istros suggest that the most probable reason was again some payments in the context of the war against Byzantion as an ally of Kallatis.

The ascension of Lysimachos as king of Thrace in 306-305 BC was followed by the appearance of a large number of coins bearing on the reverse his name. In a great number of cities from the Asia Minor or the Balkan Peninsula their mintage continue also after the death of the king. One of the most difficult problems of the posthumous Lysimachus type staters struck during the $3^{\text {rd }}$ century is to identify where and when some series of coins with different monograms and styles were struck. We analyzed a number of 50 Lysimachus type staters, lifetime and posthumous issues, struck during the $3^{\text {rd }}-1^{\text {st }}$ centuries BC. The most of them are West Pontic issues, the coins minted at Istros, Tomis and Kallatis presenting a special interest. Several coins struck in the $3^{\text {rd }}-2^{\text {nd }}$ century BC in Byzantion and Chalcedon were used to compare the results. The oldest analyzed Lysimachus type staters were struck in Lysimacheia in 297 BC, having a quite high title (99.6\%), similar to the lifetime Philip II and Alexander the Great staters. Other coins struck in Asia Minor before or soon after 281 BC (as it is a stater from Alexandria Troas) seem to maintain a similar high title. A significant volume of Lysimachus type staters were struck in Byzantion and Chalcedon at the middle and the second half of the $3^{\text {rd }}$ century BC. Despite the still existing major difficulties concerning their chronology and even their localization, the XRF analysis reflect the existence of at least two series of coins; one of them (staters with spiral, struck at Byzantion) have a superior title of gold: $98.4 \%$ and $98.6 \%$ (CNBAR AV. B 70 and CNBAR AV.A 143), while the second one (also staters with spiral and $\Delta$ in the left field) have a significant lower title: $96.4 \%$ (CNBAR AV. B 66). There is also a stater with spiral on throne but also having a simple trident in the exergue struck in the second half of the $3^{\text {rd }}$ century BC with a superior title ( $98.9 \%$ ). We have a similar situation for the first Byzantion issues having spiral on throne and decorated type trident in the exergue. For the staters struck at the end of the $3^{\text {rd }}-$ beginning of the $2^{\text {nd }}$ century BC with letters BY on throne and decorated trident in the exergue we notice significant fluctuations for the gold title (from $99.5 \%$ to $97.8 \%$ ). The title continues to decrease for the Byzantion staters struck around 150 BC (94.5\%). We have significant results for two Chalcedon issues, one of them having a bull in the exergue and another one having in the exergue $\mathrm{Z} \Omega \Pi \mathrm{Y}$. There are contemporary and seems to have the same source for the precious metal.

The results are surprising for two Lysimachus type staters considered from Tyras ${ }^{26}$. One of them ( $\mathrm{Au} 98.2 \%, \mathrm{Ag} 1.7 \%$ şi $\mathrm{Cu} 0.1 \%$ ), with trident in the exergue, could be considered rather from the beginning of the $2^{\text {nd }}$ century BC ; the second one, without trident, has a significant lower title ( $\mathrm{Au} 97 \%, \operatorname{Ag} 2.8 \%, \mathrm{Cu} 0.1 \%$ ); despite this situation, the style suggests years c. 280- c. 240 BC.

From Orghidan collection we have analyzed a very rare coin, a Lysimachus type stater from Istros, without spiral on throne, and the structure is at follows: $\mathrm{Au} 98.9 \%, \mathrm{Ag} 1.0 \% \mathrm{şi} \mathrm{Cu}$ $0.1 \%$. These results and the stylistic features suggest that it belongs to a series from the second half of $3^{\text {rd }}$ century BC.

26 Preda, Petac 2006, 5-6.

For the Lysimachus type staters struck at Tomis and Kallatis in the first decades of the $1^{\text {st }}$ century BC , during the Mithridatic wars, we notice the significant fluctuations of the title ( $90 \%$ to $97 \%$ ). Unfortunately, we are not in the situation to determine the sources of gold of the West Pontic Greek cities at the beginning of the $1^{\text {st }}$ century BC. It is quite clear that the mintage of the late Lysimachus type staters from Istros, Tomis and Kallatis it is related with the payments of the soldiers of Mithidates VI Eupator from these cities ${ }^{27}$. In this context the most plausible is that the source of gold must be searched in the Pontic Empire of Mithridates VI (Macedonian mines but also those from Bosporan kingdom or Minor Asia).

## Conclusions

XRF analysis on Philip II staters show that they have a title superior to all others gold issues struck until then (over 99.6\%), the most plausible sources being the Macedonian mines. This high level of the title it is maintained also for the posthumous Philip II staters, struck in the first years of Alexander the Great reign. For the Alexander lifetime staters and also for those struck between 323-305 BC we notice decrease of the title, especially of those from the Oriental mints (Ake, Sydon, Babylon but also Memphis from Egypt), suggesting the Persian and Egyptian gold as a possible source of gold. We saw a different situation in Amphipolis and Abydos, their staters continue to have a very high title, the most plausible source of gold being represented by the ore from the Macedonian mines. The analysis seems to suggest also different sources of gold for the staters in the name of Philip III struck between 323-317 at Abydos, Lampsakos and Babylon. We concentrate our posthumous Alexander the Great staters analysis from the $3^{\text {rd }}$ century BC on Kallatis issues. The results suggest the mintage of a series of Alexander the great type stater sat Kallatis at the middle of the $3^{\text {rd }}$ century BC, in the context of the war against Byzantion. It seems that a very rare stater of Alexander the Great type from Istros belongs to the same period. The analysis on a consistent lot of Lysimachus type staters show that the lifetime Lysimachus gold coins have a high title. The title decrease significantly for the posthumous Lysimachus type staters struck at Byzantion, Chalcedon and other West Pontic Greek cities during the second half of the $3^{\text {rd }}$ century BC. We have a significant fluctuation ( $90 \%$ to $97 \%$ ) of the title for the late posthumous Lysimachus type staters struck at Istros, Tomis and Kallatis in the first decades of the $1^{\text {st }}$ century BC, during the Mithridatic wars. The most plausible source of this gold must be searched in the Pontic Empire of Mithridates VI Eupator.

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## Table 1. Greek gold coins. XRF concentrations <br> (expressed in weight percents)

| Type | $\underset{(\mathrm{wt} \%)}{\mathrm{Au}}$ | $\underset{(\mathrm{wt} \%)}{\mathrm{Ag}}$ | $\underset{(\mathrm{wt} \%)}{\mathrm{Cu}}$ | References |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pella, stater, Phillip II (Le Rider 117) | 99.4 | 0.3 | <0.1 | CNBAR AV. A 11 |
| Amphipolis, stater, Phillip II (Le Rider 154) | 99.5 | 0.3 | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. A 17 |
| Amphipolis, stater, Phillip II (Le Rider 177) | 99.5 | 0.4 | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. A 18 |
| Amphipolis, stater, Phillip II (Le Rider 209) | 99.4 | 0.5 | <0.1 | CNBAR AV. A 19 |
| Pella, stater, Phillip II (Le Rider 209 A) | 99.2 | $<0.1$ | 0.4 | CNBAR AV. A 13 |
| Pella, stater, Phillip II (Le Rider 349) | 99.4 | 0.4 | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. A 12 |
| Pella, stater, Philip II (Le Rider 373) | 99.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 | IAB 494 |
| Pella, stater, Phillip II (Le Rider 462) | 99.5 | 0.3 | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. A 15 |
| Pella, $1 / 4$ stater, Phillip II (Le Rider 71) | 99.4 | 0.4 | <0.1 | CNBAR AV. A 20 |
| Pella, $1 / 4$ stater, Phillip II (Le Rider 128j) | 99.6 | 0.3 | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. A 21 |
| Pella, $1 / 4$ stater, Phillip II (Le Rider 128) | 95.7 | 2.5 | 1.7 | CNBAR AV. A 22 |
| Pella, $1 / 4 /$ stater, Phillip II (Le Rider 80 a) | 99.8 | <0.1 | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. A 23 |
| Pella, $1 / 4$ stater, Phillip II (Le Rider 83) | 96.7 | 2.8 | <0.1 | CNBAR AV. A 24 |
| Pella, $1 / 4 / 4$ stater, Phillip II (Le Rider 83) | 99.1 | $<0.1$ | 0.8 | CNBAR AV. A 25 |
| Pella, $1 / 4$ stater, Phillip II (Le Rider 85) | 96.9 | 1.7 | 1.4 | CNBAR AV. A 26 |
| Pella, 1/12 stater, Phillip II (Le Rider 16) | 99.7 | $<0.1$ | <0.1 | CNBAR AV. A 27 |
| Pella, $1 / 4$ stater, Philip II (Le Rider 58b) | 99.8 | 0.1 | 0.1 | IAB 499 |
| Abydos, stater, Phillip II (Thompson 1991, 75) | 99.3 | 0.3 | <0.1 | CNBAR AV. A 14 |
| (Thompson 1991, 75) |  |  |  |  |
| Abydos, stater, Phillip II | 99.7 | 0.2 | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. A 16 |
| (Thompson 1991, 72) |  |  |  |  |
| Amphipolis, stater, Alexander (Price 172c) | 99.7 | <0.1 | 0.1 | IAB 509 |
| Amphipolis, stater, Alexander (Price 175b) | 99.5 | <0.1 | 0.1 | IAB 508 |
| Amphipolis, stater, Alexander (Price 175a) | 99.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | IAB 488 |
| Amphipolis, stater, Alexander | 99.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | IAB 546 |
| (Price -; Vîlcu, Isvoranu, Nicolae 49) |  |  |  |  |
| Abydos, stater, Alexander (Price 1524) | 99.5 | $<0.1$ | 0.1 | IAB 522 |
| Abydos, stater, Alexander (Price 1524) | 99.6 | $<0.1$ | 0.1 | IAB 512 |
| Ake, stater, Alexander (Price 3264) | 97.5 | 1.7 | 0.5 | IAB 515 |
| Ake, stater, Alexander (Price 3276) | 98.4 | 0.8 | 0.3 | IAB 521 |
| Sardes, stater, Alexander (Price 2532) | 98.3 | 0.8 | 0.3 | IAB 528 |
| Sardes, stater, Alexander (Price 2532) | 98.5 | 0.8 | 0.6 | IAB 531 |
| Sardes, stater, Alexander (Price 2539) | 98.9 | 0.7 | 0.1 | IAB 513 |
| Sidon, stater, Alexander (Price 3471) | 98.7 | 0.8 | 0.1 | IAB 524 |
| Sidon, stater, Alexander (Price 3490) | 98.4 | 0.9 | 0.5 | IAB 525 |
| Babylon, stater, Alexander (Price 3748) | 98.9 | 0.5 | 0.5 | IAB 527 |
| Babylon, stater, Alexander (Price 3721) | 97.9 | 1.2 | 0.4 | IAB 519 |
| Babylon, stater, Alexander (Price 3715) | 97.9 | 1.4 | 0.3 | IAB 514 |
| Babylon, stater, Alexander (Price 3715) | 97.8 | 1.4 | 0.4 | IAB 1182 |
| Memphis, stater, Alexander | 98.1 | 1.4 | 0.2 | IAB 516 |
| (Price 3966A var., Vîlcu, Isvoranu, Nicolae 48) |  |  |  |  |
| Lampsakos, stater, Philip III (Price P11) | 99.3 | 0.5 | 0.1 | IAB 555 |
| Abydos, stater, Philip III (Price P36) | 99.2 | 0.5 | 0.1 | IAB 557 |
| Babylon, stater, Philip III (Price P178a) | 98.8 | 0.5 | 0.4 | IAB 556 |
| Athens, stater (SNGDelepierre, 1485 ) | 99.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 | IAB 593 |

Kallatis, stater, Alexander (Price 890)
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Kallatis, stater, Alexander (Price 897)
Kallatis, stater, Alexander (Price 903)
Kallatis, stater, Alexander (Price 906)
Kallatis, stater, Alexander (Price 909)
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Kallatis, stater, Alexander (Price 910-911)
Kallatis, stater, Alexander (Price 914)
Kallatis, stater, Alexander (Price 914)
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Kallatis, stater, Alexander (Price 914)
Kallatis, stater, Alexander (Price 915)
Kallatis, stater, Alexander (Price 916)
Kallatis, stater, Alexander
(Price - ; Preda, Petac 100)
Istros, stater, Alexander (Price 964)
Messambria, stater, Alexander
(Price 974 ?; Preda, Petac 129)
Odessos, stater, Alexander (Price 1134)
Odessos, stater, Alexander (Price 1135)
Odessos, stater, Alexander (Price 1135)
Odessos, stater, Alexander (Price 1135)
Odessos, stater, Alexander (Price 1135)
Tyras, stater, Lysimachus (Preda, Petac 260)
Tyras, stater, Lysimachus (Preda, Petac 149)
Istros, stater, Lysimachus (Müller 283)
Kallatis, stater, Lysimachus (Müller 261)
Kallatis, stater, Lysimachus (Müller 265)
Kallatis, stater, Lysimachus (Müller 265)
Kallatis, stater, Lysimachus (Müller 265)

| 99.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | CNBAR AV. A 41 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :--- |
| 99.6 | 0.1 | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. A 42 |
| 98.3 | 1.1 | 0,4 | CNBAR AV. A 45 |
| 98.2 | 1,6 | 0.1 | CNBAR AV. A 46 |
| 98.7 | 0.8 | 0.4 | IAB 523 |
| 97.8 | 1.7 | 0.4 | IAB 510 |
| 98.8 | 0.7 | 0.4 | IAB 1181 |
| 99.6 | 0.1 | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. A 43 |
| 99.9 | 0.1 | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. A 44 |
| 98.8 | 0.4 | 0.4 | CNBAR AV. A 47 |
| 99.5 | 0.4 | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. A 48 |
| 98.3 | 1.6 | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. A 49 |
| 99.5 | 0.3 | 0.1 | CNBAR AV. A 50 |
| 98.2 | 1.6 | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. A 51 |
| 98.9 | 0.3 | 0.5 | CNBAR AV. A 58 |
| 99.3 | 0.4 | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. A 52 |
| 99.8 | $<0.1$ | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. A 53 |
| 99.7 | 0.2 | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. A 54 |
| 99.4 | 0.3 | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. A 55 |
| 96.4 | 3.2 | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. A 56 |
| 99.8 | $<0.1$ | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. A 57 |
| 99.8 | $<0.1$ | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. A 59 |
| 98.2 | 1.5 | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. A 60 |
| 99.8 | $<0.1$ | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. A 61 |
| 97.5 | 1.82 | - | CNBAR AV. A 62 |
| 98.8 | 0.3 | 0.5 | CNBAR AV. A 63 |
| 99.6 | $<0.1$ | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. A 64 |
| 99.6 | 0.3 | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. A 65 |
| 98.9 | 0.4 | 0.5 | CNBAR AV. A 66 |
| 99.2 | 0.4 | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. A 67 |
| 98.8 | 0.8 | 0.3 | IAB 520 |
| 99.7 | $<0.1$ | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. A 68 |
| 97.0 | 57.6 | 1.7 | 0.4 |

Kallatis, stater, Lysimachus
(Price 938 var.; Preda, Petac 124)
Kallatis, stater, Lysimachus (Vîlcu, Isvoranu,
Nicolae 60)
Kallatis, stater, Lysimachus (Vîlcu, Isvoranu,
Nicolae 59)
Kallatis, stater, Lysimachus (Vîlcu, Isvoranu,
Nicolae 62)
Kallatis, stater, Lysimachus (Vîlcu, Isvoranu, Nicolae 61)
Tomis, stater, Lysimachus (Pick 1910, 2485)
Tomis, stater, Lysimachus (Pick 1910, 2480)
Tomis, stater, Lysimachus (Pick 1910, 2480)
Tomis, stater, Lysimachus (Pick 1910, 2482)
Tomis, stater, Lysimachus (Pick 1910, 2476)
Tomis, stater, Lysimachus (Pick 1910, 2481)
Tomis, stater, Lysimachus (Pick 1910, 2481)
Tomis, stater, Lysimachus (Pick 1910, 2481)
Tomis, stater, Lysimachus (Pick 1910, 2478)
Tomis, stater, Lysimachus (Preda, Petac 141)
Tomis, stater, Lysimachus (Preda, Petac 131)
Tomis, stater, Lysimachus (Vîlcu, Isvoranu, Nicolae 56)
Tomis, stater, Lysimachus (Vîlcu, Isvoranu, Nicolae 58)
Tomis, stater, Lysimachus (Vîlcu, Isvoranu, Nicolae 54)
Tomis, stater, Lysimachus (Vîlcu, Isvoranu,
Nicolae 55)
Tomis, stater, Lysimachus (Vîlcu, Isvoranu, Nicolae 57)
Odessos, stater, Lysimachus (Vîlcu, Isvoranu, Nicolae 63)
Byzantion, stater, Lysimachus (Müller 226 var.)
Byzantion, stater, Lysimachus
(Müller 513; Preda, Petac 61)
Byzantion, stater, Lysimachus
(Müller 223; Preda, Petac 80)
Byzantion, stater, Lysimachus
(Müller 189 var.; Preda, Petac 73
Byzantion, stater, Lysimachus
(Müller -; Preda, Petac 60)
Byzantion, stater, Lysimachus
(Müller 150)
Byzantion, stater, Lysimachus
(Müller -; Preda, Petac 71)
Byzantion, stater, Lysimachus
(Müller -; Preda, Petac 75)
Byzantion, stater, Lysimachus
(Müller -; Preda, Petac 63)

| 93.1 | 6.8 | 0.1 | CNBAR AV. A 163 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 95.4 | 3.7 | 0.6 | IAB 570 |
| 94.5 | 4.5 | 0.1 | IAB 574 |
| 96.8 | 2.6 | 0.5 | IAB 576 |
| 95.2 | 4.1 | 0.6 | IAB 575 |
| 96.4 | 3.2 | 0.1 | CNBAR AV. A 144 |
| 95.6 | 3.9 | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. A 145 |
| 94.1 | 3.7 | 0.1 | CNBAR AV. A 146 |
| 95.2 | 3.7 | 0.7 | CNBAR AV. A 147 |
| 95.7 | 4.1 | 0.1 | CNBAR AV. A 148 |
| 98.4 | 1.2 | 0.1 | CNBAR AV. A 149 |
| 97.9 | 2.0 | 0.1 | CNBAR AV. A 150 |
| 96.3 | 3.6 | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. A 151 |
| 96.3 | 3.3 | 0.1 | CNBAR AV. A 152 |
| 96.7 | 3.2 | 0.1 | CNBAR AV. A 153 |
| 97.6 | 2.3 | 0.1 | CNBAR AV. A 154 |
| 96.3 | 2.9 | 0.4 | IAB 579 |
| 96.0 | 3.4 | 0.1 | IAB 578 |
| 97.7 | 1.8 | 0.3 | IAB 561 |
| 97.4 | 2.3 | 0.1 | IAB 581 |
| 91.9 | 6.6 | 1.3 | IAB 582 |
| 98.0 | 1.1 | 0.8 | IAB 333 |
| 97.9 | 1.7 | 0.1 | CNBAR AV. A 137 |
| 96.3 | 2.4 | 0.7 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CNBAR AV. B. } 66 \\ & (4226) \end{aligned}$ |
| 97.8 | 1.6 | 0.4 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CNBAR AV. B. } 67 \\ & (4227) \end{aligned}$ |
| 99.5 | 0.3 | $<0.1$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CNBAR AV. B. } 69 \\ & (4229) \end{aligned}$ |
| 98.6 | 0.3 | 0.7 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CNBAR AV. B. } 70 \\ & (4230) \end{aligned}$ |
| 98.2 | 1.4 | $<0.1$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CNBAR AV. B } 71 \\ & (4231) \end{aligned}$ |
| 99.7 | 0.2 | $<0.1$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CNBAR AV. B } 72 \\ & (4232) \end{aligned}$ |
| 99.6 | $<0.1$ | $<0.1$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CNBAR AV. B } 73 \\ & \text { (4233) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 98.9 | 0.4 | 0.5 | CNBAR AV. B 74 <br> (4234) |


| Byzantion, stater, Lysimachus (Müller -; Preda, Petac 84) | 97.5 | 1.50 | 0.5 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CNBAR AV. B } 75 \\ & (4235) \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Byzantion, stater, Lysimachus | 99.2 | $<0.1$ | 0.6 | CNBAR AV. B 77 |
| (Müller 453; Preda, Petac 58) |  |  |  | (4236) |
| Byzantion, stater, Lysimachus | 94.5 | 2.7 | 2.4 | CNBAR AV. B 79 |
| (Müller 199; Preda, Petac 74) |  |  |  | (4238) |
| Byzantion, stater, Lysimachus | 98.2 | 1.6 | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. B 80 |
| (Müller 217; Preda, Petac 70) |  |  |  | (4239) |
| Byzantion, stater, Lysimachus | 98.6 | 1.2 | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. B 81 |
| (Müller -; Preda, Petac 76) |  |  |  | (4240) |
| Chalcedon, stater, Lysimachus | 97.8 | 1.8 | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. B. 68 |
| (Müller 468) |  |  |  | (4228) |
| Chalcedon, stater, Lysimachus (Vîlcu, Isvoranu, | 97.7 | 1.7 | 0.2 | IAB 563 |
| Nicolae 66) |  |  |  |  |
| Chalcedon, stater, Lysimachus (Vîlcu, Isvoranu, | 97.5 | 1.3 | 0.2 | IAB 562 |
| Nicolae 65) |  |  |  |  |
| Lysimachia, stater, Lysimachus (Thompson 1967, | 99.6 | 0.1 | 0.2 | IAB 567 |
| 8) |  |  |  |  |
| Alexandria Troas, stater, Lysimachus | 99.9 | $<0.1$ | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. B 78 |
| (Müller 99; Thompson 1967, 144) |  |  |  | (4237) |
| Uncertain, stater, Lysimachus (Müller 502 var.) | 97.5 | 2.0 | $<0.1$ | CNBAR AV. A 142 |
| Byzantion, stater, Lysimachus | 98.4 | 1.2 | 0.1 | CNBAR AV. A 143 |
| (Müller -; Preda, Petac 59) |  |  |  |  |

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    3 Petac, Talmaṭchi, Ioniță 2009, 25, no. 49.
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    Price 1991.
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    Price 1991, 108-109.
    16 Thompson 1991, 51, no. 165a.
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