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ROME, RAVENNA, OR SICILY? CONSIDERATIONS ON THE MINT ATTRIBUTION OF *MIBE* 229 DEKANUMMIA

Abstract: This article presents an analysis of the mint attribution of the *dekanummia* of Justinian I, known as MIBE 229 according to the classification of W. Hahn. These coins, lacking mint marks, do not feature any clear indicators that would allow for a precise determination of their place of production. However, their stylistic and metrological characteristics suggest an association with the Italian monetary circulation zone. These coins have most commonly been attributed to the mints of Ravenna or Rome. In the following sections of the article, I will present arguments supporting the hypothesis that this type represents one of the earliest bronze issues of Byzantine Sicily.

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