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## Cleaning Tests and Removal of black accretions using a laser Week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 On the Tympanum of the British Museum , London



Image 1: Overall figure before tests, which also shows her proper left arm before cleaning off lighter black accretions with the laser



Image 2: Close up of arm after successful cleaning with laser, note the discolouration is due to iron oxide from the stone, this is not unsightly but could be reduced by ammonium carbonate poulticing if required



Image 3: Hand before laser cleaning



Image 4: Hand after partial laser cleaning showing removal of black gypsum crusts and no damage to underlying stone