

***aitaz** Runic: 𐌰𐌿𐌰𐌿𐌰 Pronunciation: /'aj.taz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

ulcer, boil, abscess

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **h₂óyd-o-s*, an o-grade thematic noun from root **h₂eyd-*, thus originally ‘swelling, tumor’ and secondarily ‘ulcer, abscess’. The formation is closely paralleled semantically by Ancient Greek *οἶδος* (*oîdos*) and belongs with *οιδέω* (*oidéō*) and Old Armenian *այտնութ* (*aytnum*); compare also Latin *aemidus* (Beekes 2010: 1053–54; Kroonen 2013: 14; Martirosyan 2010: 61, 706; Orel 2003: 10). The same root underlies **aitrq* < **h₂eyd-ro-m* (and probably **aistô*), reflecting a wider semantic development from ‘swelling’ to ‘tumor, pustule’ and thence ‘pus, poison’. A Balto-Slavic connection has also been proposed, especially Old Church Slavonic *ядъ* (*jadъ*) < Proto-Slavic **jadъ*, although the precise preform and relationship are less secure; more recent discussion continues to associate this group with **h₂eyd-* (Matasović 2022: 12).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	aitaz	aitōz, aitōs
Acc.	aitą	aitanz
Gen.	aitas, aitis	aitô
Dat.	aitai	aitamaz
Inst.	aitō	aitamiz
Voc.	ait	aitōz, aitōs

Descendants

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 eet (Dutch)

eiz (Old High German)

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