

## QUIPU AS202

Museum identification: TK 4/5419 (Lowie Museum, University of California, Berkeley)

Main Cord: color YB

b0.0 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (1-2), then space of 1.5 cm,  
1E knot, then space of 2.0 cm

4.0 cm: group of 3 pendant cords (3-5), then space of 1.0 cm,  
1E knot, then space of 0.5 cm

6.0 cm: group of 3 pendant cords (6-8), then space of 1.0 cm,  
5L knots, then space of 1.0 cm

9.0 cm: group of 3 pendant cords (9-11), then space of 1.0 cm,  
4L knots, then space of 1.0 cm

11.5 cm: group of 4 pendant cords (12-15), then space of 0.5 cm,  
1E knot, then space of 1.0 cm

14.0 cm: group of 3 pendant cords (16-18), then space of 2.0 cm

16.5 cm: group of 3 pendant cords (19-21), then space of 0.5 cm,  
1E knot, then space of 0.5 cm

18.0 cm: group of 3 pendant cords (22-24), then space of 11.0 cm

30.0 cm: end †

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Cord	Knots	Length	Color	Value	Subsidiaries
	(no., type, position)				(no., position)
1	-	21.5¢	LB:YB	0	
2	-	22.5¢	LB	0	

Cord	Knots	Length	Color	Value	Subsidiaries
	(no., type, position)				(no., position)
3	1E(4.0)	29.5¢	YB	1	
4	-	21.0¢	LB	0	
5	-	22.0¢	LB:YB	0	
6	1E(4.5)	20.5¢	YB	1	
7	-	20.0¢	LB	0	
8	-	19.5¢	LB:YB	0	
9	2L(5.0)	18.0¢	YB	2	
10	4L(5.0)	19.5¢	LB	4	
11	-	22.0¢	LB:YB	0	
12	1E(4.5)	21.0¢	LB	1	
13	-	20.0¢	YB	0	
14	-	20.0¢	LB	0	
15	4L(4.5)	17.5¢	LB:YB	4	
16	2L(5.0)	19.0¢	YB	2	
17	-	19.5¢	LB	0	
18	-	18.5¢	LB:YB	0	
19	-	20.0¢	YB	0	
20	-	21.0¢	LB	0	
21	-	18.0¢	LB:YB	0	
22	1E(5.5)	19.5¢	YB	1	
23	-	19.5¢	LB	0	
24	-	18.0¢	LB:YB	0	

### Observations

1. AS201, 202, and 203 are designated by the same museum number.  
(See AS201 observations 1 and 2.)
2. By spacing, the quipu has eight groups of three pendants each. (The fifth group has one more pendant and the first group has one fewer. However, the rest of the first group may have been broken off.) Each group has the same color pattern YB, LB, LB:YB. (The extra pendant in group 5 is LB. The two pendants in group 1 are in reverse order, that is LB:YB, LB).
3. There are knots on the main cord between the pendant groups. The sums of the groups are ?,1,1,6,5,2,0,1. The numbers on the main cord are ?,1,1,5,4,1,0,1. In each case where the sum of the group is 0 or 1 that is the value preceding the group on the main cord. Where the sum is greater than 1, the main cord has the sum of the group minus 1.
4. With the quipu was stored 2 bundles of prepared blanks, 2 fragments of quipus, and 2 broken cords with knots. One of the broken cords might be part of the main cord of this quipu. The cord is, starting at its broken end, 16.0 cm, 1s, 9.0 cm, 6L, 20.0 cm,  $\phi$ . The value (16) could be related to the sum of the pendant cords (16) or other knots on the main cord (13).