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report on behalf of the STARGATE Consortium:

We observed the bright optical counterpart of the Swift  
GRB 180205A (Evans et al. GCN 22381; Zheng et al. GCN 22382;  
Bolmer et al. GCN 22383) with the ESO Very Large Telescope UT 2 (Kueyen)  
equipped with the X-shooter spectrograph, covering the wavelength  
range 3500-24000 AA. Observations started on February 05.25 UT  
(approx 1.5 hr after the GRB) and consisted of 4 exposures of  
600 s each.

The spectrum exhibits many absorption features including  
C II, Si II, Si II\*, Al II, Fe II, Mg II, Mg I at a common redshift of  
 $z=1.409$ . We conclude this is the redshift of the GRB.

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