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VLT/X-shooter spectroscopic observations


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We observed the optical afterglow of GRB 180325A (Troja et al. GCN 22532) with the ESO VLT/X-shooter spectrograph, covering the wavelength range 3000-25000 Å. Spectroscopy started at 03:20:45 UT on 2018-03-25 (i.e., ~1.5 hr after the GRB) and consisted of 8 exposures of 600 s.

The spectrum exhibits a red continuum with several absorption features, including Ly-alpha and different metal and fine-structure lines, together with [OII], [OIII] and Halpha emission lines, all at a common redshift of z=2.248. At the same redshift, we also note the presence of a clear continuum depression corresponding to the 2175 Å bump. Finally, the spectrum shows the presence of a strong double intervening system at z = 2.041/2.043.

The above results are in agreement with the findings of Heintz et al. (GCN 22535).

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