Descriptive line
White cylindrical drug jar, painted in blue with "THERIAC AND." within a scrolled cartouche, surrounded by a basket of fruit and peacocks, made in the Netherlands (Delft), 1725-75

Physical description
White cylindrical jar painted in blue with the words "THERIAC AND." within a scrolled cartouche surrounded by a basket of fruit above, peacocks either side of the basket, more fruit and a cherub's face below.

Dimensions
Height: 20.1 cm, Diameter: 11.2 cm

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Historical context note
"Theriac And." is an abbreviation of "theriaca Andromachi", a pharmaceutical preparation containing 73 ingredients, the most important of which was the flesh of vipers. Originally an antidote for poisons, particularly snake-bites, it was later regarded as a cure-all.

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