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EVN detection of the newly-discovered black hole candidate MAXI J1836-194

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The X-ray transient MAXI J1836-194 is most likely a Galactic stellar-mass black hole (ATel #3611, #3613, #3628, #3652). It has been shown to harden in the X-rays and brighten in the infrared (ATel #3689). Here, we report on the detection of MAXI J1836-194 at 5 GHz with the European VLBI Network, in real-time e-VLBI observations on 2011 October 17. The transient source was detected with a flux density of 5.4 +- 0.3 mJy at RA 18h35m43.44555s, Dec. -19d19'10.4921" (J2000, 1 sigma formal uncertainty ~0.5 mas, note that the systematic error may be much larger due to the low elevation.).

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