

Mahādevadeva's *Hikmatprakāśa* – A Sanskrit treatise on Yūnānī medicine

Part II: Text and commentary of selected verses from Section II with an annotated English translation^{1,2}

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Section two is the most valuable part of the *Hikmatprakāśa* from the point of view of an āyurvedicus interested in interactions between Āyurveda and Yūnānī Tibb and exchanges with regard to their *materia medica*, an area that has received insufficient attention. Borrowing from the Islamic pharmacopoeia has a long history in Sanskrit medical literature. A survey of these developments has not yet been written. The reverse, the influence of Āyurveda on Islamic medicine, in particular in South Asia and adjoining regions, has not remained unnoticed. A famous early example illustrating this is Ṭabarī's *Firdaus al-Hikma*, a treatise that has extensively been studied by a number of excellent scholars.³ The vegetable and mineral drugs mentioned in it form the subject of a monograph by Werner Schmucker.

The *Hikmatprakāśa* covers vegetable drugs, drugs of animal origin, and inorganic substances without assigning them to particular groups. Their names are arranged according to the order of the letters in the Arabic alphabet.

Section two of the *Hikmatprakāśa* has some features in common with an Āyurvedic *nighantu* though differing from it in other respects. Āyurvedic *nighantus* arrange medicinal substances into groups, usually called *varga*, of items related to each other: trees, fruits, flowers, fragrant drugs, etc., a principle not adopted in Islamic medical literature.

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³See, for example, the publications of A. Siggel.

A *nighāṇṭu* enumerates the names of a medicinal substance first, which the *Hikmatprakāśa* does not do, only giving some names in the heading. Its verses begin with listing the properties and actions of a drug, in the same way as a *nighāṇṭu* does after the list of names, and proceeds with giving information on the appropriate dose of the single drug or the drug in combination with other drugs. In most cases it adds substances mitigating the action of the drug dealt with, mentioning moreover suitable substitutes. The last three features are completely absent from āyurvedic *nighāṇṭus*. Lists of substitutes do occur, not in *nighāṇṭus*, but in works on treatment and deal with substitutes for drugs that are not easily procurable or cannot be found at all in the region where the physician lives and in the drug markets accessible to him. The information given in the verses of the *Hikmatprakāśa* is incomplete in many cases which makes the commentary, supplementing the material lacking, indispensable.

The majority of the verses are *ślokas*. Longer metres do occur but are infrequent.

The language of section two is mostly Sanskrit, interspersed with Persian/Arabic names of drugs, their faculties, i.e., actions, names of diseases, and other words of Persian or Arabic origin. The terms for drug actions are systematically borrowed from Arabic.

The commentary (*tīkā*) on section two is much more elaborate than that on the other sections. The larger part is written in a mixture of Sanskrit and Persian in varying proportions. The length of the comments diminishes as the work proceeds and they are often absent in the later portion of section two.

The section opens with a short introduction in three verses:

*yathāvan nāmarūpāṇāṁ dravyāṇāṁ guṇavarnanam /
bayāna mufridāt jñeyām saṃkṣepēṇa nigadyate // (1)*
*mufrid murakkiba dve stāḥ saṃjñē sarvauṣadhibhāt /
kevalāṁ svavarūpastham tan mufrida udāhṛtam // (2)*
*kṣodāvalehaprabhṛti tan murakkiba saṃjñākam /
guṇābhidhāna etasya paścād varṇakramād ganah // (3)*

The appropriate description of the properties of medicinal substances, known as the description (*bayān*) of single drugs (*mufridāt*), will be exposed briefly. (1)

Two terms exist in the domain of substances used as a medicine: *mufrid* and *murakkib*. That which pertains to the outward appearance of each single medicinal substance is called *mufrid*.⁴ (2)

⁴ A *mufrid* is someone who does any work alone.

Powders, electuaries, etc., bear the name of *murakkib*.⁵ The enumeration of the properties will follow (now); (the substances) are arranged in groups according to the order of the letters (of the Arabic alphabet). (3)

Section two is divided into twenty-eight chapters.

The verse or verses on a particular substance are preceded by a heading with some names of the substance to be dealt with. These headings are in most cases indispensable because the name of the substance that will be described is not found in the verses that follow. Exceptions to this rule do occur, but are rather rare. Some examples are: *ābanūs* (2.2.7), *gāvaśīr*, i.e., cow's milk (2.2.329), *jundabedustara* (2.2.352). Usually, one or more Persian/Arabic names come first, followed by one or more names in Sanskrit and/or Hindī. The presence of a Sanskrit or Hindī name means that the medicinal substance is known to *āyurveda*, in a number of instances only to late or very late *āyurvedic* texts. When only one or more Persian names are provided this need not imply that the item is completely absent from *āyurvedic* treatises. Late *āyurvedic* texts use many drugs under their Persian names. Examples of such texts are the *Siddhabheṣajamaṇimālā*, a nineteenth-century work by Kṛṣṇarāma, the twentieth-century *Siddhabhaiṣajyamañjūṣā* by Jayadeva Śāstrin, the twentieth-century *Siddhaprayogalatikā* by Gulrājśarmamīśra, the *Viśikhānupraveśavijñāna* by the same author, and the twentieth-century *Laṅkābhaisajyamaṇimālā* by Āryadāsa Kumārasimha. The important *Arkaprakāśa*, ascribed to Rāvaṇa and of uncertain date, also contains material borrowed from Islamic medicine.

The most important characteristics of section two can best be illustrated by means of examples.

My transliteration supplies vowels when a *virāma* is absent. The author of the *Hikmatprakāśa* wants these vowels to be pronounced on behalf of the metres and the number of syllables they require. For the sake of consistency this procedure is also followed with regard to the headings of verses and the prose of the commentary.

An easily intelligible group of verses, entirely in Sanskrit and dealing with an important drug, is found at 2.2.321–325:

⁵ A *murakkib* is a compound medicine.

sūma,⁶ *sīra*⁷ – *lahasana*,⁸ *rasota*⁹

uṣṇas triguṇitam rūkṣas tathaiva parikīrtitah //
balāsakāsanikhilapavamānāmayāpahah //
śiphāpatrakaṣāye ‘sya sthitir ārtavasāriṇī /
jarāyum jaṭharasthām ca niḥsārayati vegataḥ //
so ‘tiyuktah śirahśūlam vidhatte raktakopanah /
nirṇīto badala prājñair palāṇḍur asitetarah //
yathādoṣam smṛtā mātrā darpaghnam palalam smṛtam //

(Garlic)¹⁰ is declared to be hot to the third degree and dry to the same (degree).¹¹

⁶*Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.222: Arabic name *som*. Achundow 175–176 (99) and 359 (81): *thūm*, *Allium sativum* L. [this is a valid name]. Ainslie I, 150–151: *thūm*, the Arabic name of *Allium Sativum* (Lin.) and II, 475–476. Al-Biruni 102 (15): Arabic name: *thūm* and 104, n.16: *Allium sativum* L. Daljīt Simḥa, 619: Arabic name: *sūm*. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 45: *thūm*, *Allium sativum*. The correct Arabic name, given by Al-Kindi (251), the Encyclopaedia, and Schmucker (135), is *thūm*.

⁷*Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.222: Persian name *sīr*. Achundow 359 (81): *sīr*. Ainslie I, 150–151: *sīr*, the Persian name of *Allium Sativum* (Lin.). Daljīt Simḥa, 619: the Persian name is *sīr*. Schlimmer 27: *sīr*, *Allium sativum*. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, V, 86: the drug Seer (Lahsan) consists of bulb of *Allium sativum* Linn.

⁸A common name of garlic in Hindī is *lahsun*, the equivalent of Sanskrit *laśuna*, as well as *lahsan* (see *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.222., Dymock et al. III, 488–491, and the Unani Pharmacopoeia I, V, 86) and *lehsan* (Hamdard, p.76).

⁹*Rasot* is the Hindī name of *rasāñjana* and never designates garlic; it may be an error for Sanskrit *rasona*, a frequent name of garlic. Sanskrit names are absent, but *rasota*, if actually an error for *rasona*, could be meant as a Sanskrit name. The probability that this must be the case increases when taking into consideration that *rasot* as the Hindī equivalent of *rasāñjana* is separately dealt with at 2.2.414.

¹⁰*Allium sativum* Linn.

¹¹The *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.222), Achundow (176), Daljīt Simḥa (620) and The Unani Pharmacopeia (I, V, 87) agree. *Carakasaṃhitā*, *Sūtrasthāna* 27.176: hot and moist. *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* 4.67: hot and moist (*snigdha*). *Rājanighaṇṭu* 7.95: hot. *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* 170: hot and moist.

It removes phlegm,¹² cough¹³ and the whole (group) of wind diseases (*pavamānāmaya*).¹⁴

The flow of the menstrual discharge is made to continue¹⁵ when (the bulb is kept) in a decoction (*kaṣāya*) of the leaves on top of it (*śiphāpatra*).¹⁶ It drives out with force a placenta that stays within the womb.¹⁷

Overuse, leading to excitement of blood, gives rise to a violent headache. Wise men decided that white onions are a substitute.¹⁸

¹²Confirmed by Achundow (177) and Daljīt Siṁha (620): *śleṣmanīhsāraka*. *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* 4.68: *kaphāmayān hanti*. *Rājanighaṇṭu* 7.95: *kaphavātanud*. *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* 171: *kaphavīnāśaka*.

¹³Daljīt Siṁha (620) agrees. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 45: expectorant in whooping cough and asthma. *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* 171: *kāsam jayet*.

¹⁴Confirmed by Achundow 175 and Daljīt Siṁha 620. *Carakasamhitā*, *Sūtrasthāna* 27.176: it is *vātaghna*. Compare *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.222: *pakṣavadha*, *ardita* and *kampko guṇkartā*. *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* 4.68: *anilasādaṇ hanti*. *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* 171: *vātaghna*. See on wind diseases: *Mādhavanidāna* 22.

¹⁵See *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.222: it is called *ārtavapravartak*. Confirmed by Daljīt Siṁha (220): *mūtrārtavakā pravartan kartā*, i.e., it brings about the flow of urine and menstrual discharge. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 45: it is emmenagogue. This is an action of wild growing garlic according to a source used by Achundow (176).

¹⁶Daljīt Siṁha (620) remarks that both the bulb and the leaves of garlic are used medically.

¹⁷The actions of garlic, listed in The Unani Pharmacopoeia, are: externally: *jali* (*jālī*, detergent), *mohallil* (*muḥallil*, resolvent), *muqarreh* (*muqarriḥ*, vesicatory); internally: *muqawwie meda* (*muqawwī mi‘da*, stomachic), *musakkine alam* (*musakkin alam*, relieving pain) [it may be that the spelling of this term is wrong at 2.2.885: *musasvina*.], *muqawwie bah* (*muqawwī bāh*, aphrodisiac) (*bāh* means virility) [it is *vṛṣya* and *vīryada* in the *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* (170).], *mudirre baul wa haiz* (*mudirr baul wa ḥaṣd*) (diuretic and emmenagogue), *muqatte akhlate ghaliza* (*muqatṭī‘ akhlāt galīd*, stopping of thick/ corrupted humours). Actions mentioned in the *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.222: *śothako layakartā* (resolving swellings), *kāntiprada* (bestowing beauty), *āmāśayakī snigdhatāko śoṣaṅkarnevālī* (drying up the moisture in the stomach), *mūtrapravartak* (diuretic), *sardīkī karnapīḍāko lābhakartā* (useful in earache by the cold), *svāsthyaśākī sthitikartā* (it maintains a healthy state), etc. *Carakasamhitā*, *Sūtrasthāna* 27.176: *laśuna* is *krimi-* *ghna*, *kuṣṭhaghna*, *kilāsaghna*, *gulmanāśana* (see on *gulma*: *Mādhavanidāna* 28), and *vṛṣya*. Compare Encyclopaedia of Islam 45 on the actions and uses of garlic. Compare the commentary on 2.2.478: *kāsarariyāha galīja – duṣṭavātānulomanam*, it regularizes corrupted wind.

¹⁸The *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.222) mentions onions (*pyāj*) as the substitute. Daljīt Siṁha

Tradition says that the dose depends on the *doṣa* (involved)¹⁹ and that ground sesame (*palala*) is a corrective (*darpaghna*).

These verses exhibit a number of characteristic features of the descriptions of the *materia medica* in section two though this description is incomplete and a number of features are absent.

Mention of the degrees of hot, cold, moist and dry in a particular substance is standard. The same can be said of the actions on symptoms and disorders of the substance itself and in a particular combination or preparation.

Absent here is the enumeration of the actions (*śakti*) of the substance, otherwise usually present. In such cases the commentary may enumerate them, but here comments are altogether absent, a rather frequent occurrence.

Daljīt Simḥa (620) mentions as actions: resolvent (*muḥallil*)²⁰ and heat-generating (*musakhkhin badan*), (*uṣṇatājanana*).²¹

Standard too is the reference to a substitute (Hindī *badal* or Sanskrit *prati-nidhi*) and a counteracting substance, a corrective (*darpaghna*). Substitutes and correctives may be absent from the text and provided in the commentary or the commentary gives additional substitutes and correctives.

Correctives mentioned by Daljīt Simḥa are: almond oil, roasted coriander seeds (*sūkhā dhaniyāṁ*), salt,²² and boiling in water. The *Abhinavamīghanṭu* (p.222) enumerates as correctives: *katīrā*, coriander seeds, and almond oil.

Islamic medicine acknowledges the existence of four morbid entities, called *doṣa* in the *Hikmatprakāśa*.²³ blood, yellow bile, black bile and phlegm,²⁴ whereas *āyurveda* recognizes three such entities, wind (*vāta*), bile (*pitta*) and phlegm (*kapha* or *slesman*). Each of them possesses two properties in Islamic medicine: blood is (like the element air) hot and moist, yellow bile is (like the element fire) hot and dry, black bile is (like the element earth) cold and dry, phlegm is (like the element water) cold and moist.²⁵ Each drug is hot, cold, moist or dry to the first, second, third or fourth degree, which determines its

(620) regards wild onions as a substitute.

¹⁹ Achundow (176) explains that the action of garlic depends on one's constitution. The Unani Pharmacopoeia (I, V, 87) gives 2–3 g as the dose.

²⁰ Called discutient in the Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine (431).

²¹ *musakhkhin* means heating; *badan* is a Persian word for body.

²² See on kinds of salt: *Hikmatprakāśa* 2.2.1064–1068; Hand Book 492–494, 501–507; E. Wiedemann I, 712–713.

²³ See 1.1.6–7ab.

²⁴ See 1.1.7cd.

²⁵ See 1.1.10–11.

actions.²⁶

Apart from this, each drug has a number of actions, called *śakti* in the *Hikmatprakāśa*. These actions, indispensable in any medical system that is practised, are, for example, obstructing and de-obstructing, dissolving, promoting blood-clotting, pain-relieving, etc.²⁷

A characteristic of Islamic medicine is the distinction made between the action (*śakti*) itself and its effect. Two different technical terms are employed to designate a particular power and its effect. All these terms are of Arabic origin and each pair is derived from a common Arabic root with its skeleton of three consonants.

Mention of one or more substances called *darpaghna* is standard in the descriptions of the *Hikmatprakāśa*. The meaning of *darpaghna* required in this text is absent from the Sanskrit dictionaries. Literally, it might mean 'breaking someone's pride'. A synonym, *darpaśātana*, occurs in the commentary on 2.2.373–374. The use of *darpaghna* is very frequent in the *Hikmatprakāśa* and it has no Persian or Arabic equivalent. Its sense is nowhere explained in the text or its commentary and has to be deduced from the context. My interpretation that a counteracting substance, a corrective, is intended is confirmed by Daljīt Simha, who, in his *Yūnānī Dravyaguṇādarśa*, employs the terms *darpaghna* and *nivāraṇa* (= opposing) as synonyms. Further corroboration can be reached by comparing the properties and actions of the particular *darpaghna* referred to in the case of garlic, namely sesame paste, with those of garlic.

Substitutes, in a number of cases called *pratinidhi*, as in Sanskrit, are not infrequently enumerated in the commentary when absent from the text or the commentary may provide additional substitutes.

The action of garlic on phlegm is based on its hotness and dryness for phlegm is cold and moist. Cough may be regarded as a phlegmatic disease here. Remarkable is the action on all wind diseases. Though wind is not a *dosa* in Islamic medicine, wind diseases are repeatedly mentioned in the *Hikmatprakāśa*.²⁸ In Āyurvedic medicine, on the other hand, wind diseases form an important category with many varieties.

²⁶ See 1.1.20–23.

²⁷ See 1.1.35–57.

²⁸ Examples are: 2.2.736 and 845 (*vātaroga*), 2.2.1061 (*pavanāmaya*), 3.16 (*vātavyādhi*), 3.27 (*vātātanika*), 3.95 (*anilaroga*), 3.364 (*vātavikāra*), 3.553 (*samīraghna*).

This description of garlic in the *Hikmatprakāśa* raises the question to which extent it conforms to what is found in treatises on Islamic medicine and to which extent it agrees with āyurveda.

Āyurvedic texts like the *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* and *Rājanighaṇṭu* regard garlic as heating; the former calls it moist (*snigdha*) instead of dry. Both treatises consider it to counteract phlegm (*kapha*), the latter also as counteracting wind (*vāta*). The other actions mentioned in the *Hikmatprakāśa* are not referred to in the Indian *nighaṇṭus*. Garlic is, however, a very important drug in āyurveda.²⁹

The verses on garlic are not accompanied by comments, something which is not rare at all.

The relationship between garlic and its *darpaghna*, sesame, has now to be examined. Sesame is found at 2.2.666–667a–d:

sima 2 hallakunjada³⁰ – tilāḥ³¹

*snigdhoṣṇo dviguṇam vṛṣyo bṛmhaṇaḥ puṣṭivardhanaḥ /
varṇyo mārdavakṛd retovṛddhidas tvakprasādanah /
rajaḥpravartakah keśyah piḍikāvyaṅganāśanaḥ //
mulayyan mubahī śaktir muhallil munaij punah /
uttamā prasṛtir mātrā badal bharjanamardanam /*

²⁹ See, for example the *laśunakalpa* of the Bower Manuscript and of the *Aṣṭāṅgasamgraha* (*Uttarasthāna* 49.160–213).

³⁰ One finds rarely *sima*, meaning synonym, with a number, in a heading. *kunjad* is the Persian name of a sesame grain, *Sesamum indicum* Linn. [this is a valid name]. Daljīl Siṁha, 367–368: *kuñjad*, *Sesamum indicum* Linn. Schlimmer 508: *kunjid*. Al-Kindi 286: it is the Kurdish name. Ainslie (II, 255) gives *kunjid* as the Persian name. Al-Biruni 191 (47): *simsim*, called *kunjad* in Persian and *tilah* or *til* in Hindī, and 201, n.106: *Sesamum indicum* L. Hand Book: absent. The Arabic name, *simsim* (see Achundow 217, Al-Biruni 191 and Al-Kindi 285) or *sumsum* (Ainslie II, 255), is absent here, but occurs at 2.2.1129. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 582: *simsim*, *Sesamum orientale*. Schmucker: absent. Compare on *oleum sesami*: Flückiger and Hanbury 425–427.

³¹ The Sanskrit name of a sesame seed is *tila*. See Dymock et al. III, 26–33.

It is moist and hot to the second degree,³² aphrodisiac,³³ and roboran;³⁴ it enhances a well-nourished appearance,³⁵ is beneficial to one's complexion, gives softness (to the bowels), increases the quantity of sperm, and provides brightness to the skin;³⁶ it makes the menses appear, is good for the hair of the head,³⁷ and removes boils and spots on the face.³⁸

Its faculties are laxative (*mulayyan*),³⁹ aphrodisiac (*mubahī*),⁴⁰ resolvent (*muḥallīl*),⁴¹ and *munaij*.⁴²

It should be administered in the dose of a *prasṛti*.⁴³ As a substitute one can employ roasted or crushed (grains).⁴⁴

A series of other descriptions will now be discussed as illustrations of the structure of section two.

³² *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.127: hot and moist to the first degree. Achundow 217 (314): hot and moist to the first degree. Daljīt Simḥa 367: hot and *tara* (*snigdha*, i.e., moist) to the second degree. *Carakasamhitā*, *Sūtrasthāna* 27.30: hot and moist. *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* 6.123: hot and moist (*snigdha*). *Rājanighaṇṭu* 16. 193: moist and slightly hot (*sosṇa*).

³³ Achundow 217 (314): mit Leinsamen und geröstetem Mohn eingenommen vermehrt es den Samen. Daljīt Simḥa (367) agrees (*vājikara*).

³⁴ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.127: *sarīko bṛ̥mhaṇakartā*. Daljīt Simḥa (367) agrees (*bṛ̥mhaṇa*). *Carakasamhitā*, *Sūtrasthāna* 27.30: *balya*. *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* 6.124: *balya*, promoting strength. *Rājanighaṇṭu* 16.193: *balavṛddhijanana*, generating increase of strength.

³⁵ Daljīt Simḥa (367) agrees: (*is se śarīr paribṛ̥mhit, puṣṭa hotā*), the body becomes well nourished by it.

³⁶ *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* 6.124: it is *tvacya*. *Rājanighaṇṭu* 16.193: it is *varṇavṛddhijanana*.

³⁷ *Carakasamhitā*, *Sūtrasthāna* 27.30 and *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* 6.124: it is *keśya*, good for the hairs of the head. *Rājanighaṇṭu* 16.193: it is *keśya*.

³⁸ Compare *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.127: *kāle dāgoṃkā nāśak*, removes black spots.

³⁹ This corresponds to *mārdavakṛt*.

⁴⁰ This corresponds to *vṛṣya*.

⁴¹ I.e., causing the resolution of a swelling. Compare *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.127: *śothako layakartā*, resolving swellings.

⁴² This term, *mun'id*, corresponds to *retovṛddhida* and means: causing an erection.

⁴³ The dose is 7 to 12 gm according to Daljīt Simḥa (367).

⁴⁴ The *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.127) mentions roasted grains and honey as correctives. *Lignum usitatissimum* Linn. [this is a valid name] (*atasī*) is the substitute according to the *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.127) and Daljīt Simḥa (367).

*hirmila*⁴⁵ – *hujuja*,⁴⁶ *halhula*,⁴⁷ *rasāñjana*; *rasota*⁴⁸

2.2.414:

samam vīryadvaye rūkṣam ekadhā netraylor hitam /
muhallil kabja hāvis dam śaktitrayasamanvitam //

The two *vīryas* are present to the same degree. It is dry to the first degree⁴⁹ and beneficial to the eyes.⁵⁰ It is provided with three actions: resolvent (*muhallil*),⁵¹ astringent (*kabja*), and styptic (*hāvis*) with respect to blood (*dam*).⁵²

⁴⁵ The plant name *hirmil* is problematic in this context. *harmal* denotes the seed of the wild rue, commonly identified as *Peganum harmala* Linn. [this is a valid name], a poisonous plant; this plant, however, does not suit the context, which requires a non-poisonous substance that can safely be applied to the eyes. *Peganum harmala* is described at 2.2.411, where the name *hirmila* recurs.

⁴⁶ This may be the same as *hudud*, the name of a plant. Achundow 187 (139): *huzuz*, *Rhamnus infectorius* [the valid name is *Rhamnus saxatilis* Jacq. = *Rhamnus infectoria* Linn.], *Lycium gallicum* of the old pharmacopoeias, and 363 (114): *Rhamnus infectorius*. Ainslie: absent. Daljīt Simḥa 385: Arabic *alhuzuz*, *Berberis asiatica* Roxb. [valid name: *Berberis asiatica* Roxb. ex DC.], Persian *huzuz-e-hindī*. Al-Biruni 256–257: *fīlzahraj* (elephant bile): there are three varieties: one is the Indian variety, the second is that which is made from *zarishk*, while the third is the Arab variety; the last is *rasaut*, and 262, n.108 and 111 (*zarishk* is *Berberis aristata* DC.); see also 42–43 (91): *ambarbārīs*, *Berberis vulgaris* Linn. *hudud hindī* = an extract of *Berberis lycium* [valid name: *Berberis lycium* Royle]. Compare Al-Kindi 259 (78): *hudad*, identified as the juice of *Lycium afrum* Linn. [*Lycium afrum* Linn. is a valid name]. *rasāñjana* is also a *Berberis* product. Schmucker 167–168 (246): *hudad*, ein sehr vielseitiger Terminus, der aber meist von *Rhamnus infectorius* L. (Rhamnaceae), *Berberis lycium* und Verwandten, jedoch auch von deren Saft gebraucht wird. See also on *hudad*: E. Wiedemann II, 106, 118. See on *Rhamnus saxatilis*: Schlimmer 305, s.v. “graines de Perse.”

⁴⁷ This word resembles *hilhil* = a wild onion, which, however, does not suit the context.

⁴⁸ *rasot* or *rasaut* is the Hindī name of *Berberis aristata* DC. [this is a valid name]. Compare on *Berberis*: Dymock et al. I, 64–68; Flückiger and Hanbury 33–35.

⁴⁹ Daljīt Simḥa, 386: dry and cold to the first degree. The Hand Book (191) records that *Peganum harmala* is hot to the third degree and dry to the second degree, which indicates that the verses apply to a different plant.

⁵⁰ Daljīt Simḥa (II, 386) agrees.

⁵¹ Daljīt Simḥa, 386: *śvayathuvilayana*, resolving swellings.

⁵² Compare the commentary ad 2.2.689–690: *śaktih hāvisadam rudhirāvaraṇīty arthah*,

commentary:

dam khūn darpahṝn nargasa. badal fūfala sandala ahamara māmīśā akāki yā jāfarāṁ.

(Arabic) *dam* = (Persian) *khūn*.

The corrective⁵³ is *nargasa*.⁵⁴ Substitutes are *fūfal*,⁵⁵ red sandalwood,⁵⁶

the action is styptic, i.e., it covers/restrains blood. The Hand Book (191) lists completely different actions of *Peganum harmala*.

⁵³ Daljīt Siṁha (386) mentions *bijaurā* or *nāraṅgī kā ark*; *bijaurā* designates *Citrus medica* var. *medica* [*Citrus medica* Linn. var. *medica* is a valid name] (Daljīt Siṁha 522–524) and *nāraṅgī* denotes *Citrus aurantium* Linn. [this is a valid name] (Daljīt Siṁha 413); compare Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 156: *nāranj*, *Citrus aurantium*. An *arka* is obtained by distilling; see on *arkas*: *Arkaprakāśa* and *Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa* I, 580–593.

⁵⁴ *naragasa* is described at 2.2.1089. *nargas* or *nargis* is the name of a narcissus. *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.143–144: Persian name *nargis*, Arabic name *narjis*. Achundow 279 (553): *nardschis*, *Narcissus poeticus* [valid name: *Narcissus poeticus* Linn.] and 406: *nardschis*, *Narcissus*. Ainslie: absent. Al-Biruni 321 (16) and 326, n.39: *Narcissus tazetta* L. [this is a valid name]. Al-Kindi: absent. Daljīt Siṁha 406–407: *Narcissus tazetta* Linn. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 484: *narjis*, *Narcissus pseudonarcissus* [valid name: *Narcissus pseudonarcissus* Linn.]. Hand Book: absent. Schlimmer 395: *nargas*, *Narcissus tazetta*. Schmucker 766 (506–507).

⁵⁵ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.246: *supāṛī*, Persian name *popil*, Arabic name *fofil*, Sanskrit name *pūga*. Achundow 240–241 (434): *fūfal*, *Areca catechu* [valid name: *Areca catechu* Linn.]. Ainslie I, 63–66: *catechu* from *Acacia Catechu* (Willd.) and II, 268–271: *fūfal*, *Areca Catechu* (Lin.). Al-Biruni 256 (47): *fawfil* and 262, n.106: *fufal* or *fawfal* is betle-nut. Al-Kindi 313 (224): *fawfal*, betel nut, the seed of *Areca catechu* Linn. Daljīt Siṁha 690–691: Arabic name *faufal*. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 73: *faufal*, *Areca catechu*. Schlimmer 50: *fūfal*, *Areca catechu*. Schmucker: absent. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, I, 28: *Areca catechu* Linn., Arabic name *fūfal*. E. Wiedemann II, 295. *fūfal* is described at 2.2.891–892. Compare Flückiger and Hanbury 607–609: *semen arecae*.

⁵⁶ *sandala ahamara* = *sandal-e-ahmar*. Achundow 227 (368): *sandal*, *lignum santalinum*; es giebt rothes (von *Pterocarpus santalinus*) [valid name: *Pterocarpus santalinus* Linn.f.] and weisses Santelholz (von *Santalum album*) [valid name: *Santalum album* Linn.] and 382 (286). Ainslie I, 376–379: Arabic name *şandal abyad*, *Santalum album* (Lin.) and 385–386: Arabic name *şandal ahmar*, *Pterocarpus Santalinus* (Koen.). Al-Biruni II, 99: *şandal*, *Pterocarpus santalinus* L. and *Adenanthera pavonina* L. [this is a valid name]; I, 206–207 (18) and 209, n.35: *şandal*, *Santalum album* L. Al-Kindi 298–299 (183): *şandal*, *Santalum album* L. (white) and *Pterocarpus santalinus* L.F. (red). Daljīt Siṁha, 283–284: Arabic name *sandal ahmar*, Persian name *sandal surkh*, *Pterocarpus*

māmīśā,⁵⁷ *akākiyā*,⁵⁸ (and) saffron (*jāfarām*)⁵⁹

The commentary provides in numerous instances the Persian equivalent of a Sanskrit or an Arabic word. On this occasion it gives *khūn* as the Persian word for blood, which is *dam* in Arabic.

The corrective(s) are added in the commentary since they are absent from the verses.

pus santalinus Linn. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 570: *şandal, Santalum album*. Hamdard 412: *safaid sandal*, the Urdu name of *Santalum album* Linn. Schlimmer: 499: *şandal safaid, Santalum album, şandal surk̄h, Santalum rubrum*. Schmucker 282–283 (461): *şandal abyad* and *şandal ahmar*; 284–286. See on sandal in the Muslim world: E. Wiedemann II, 9–10, 252–254, 263, 270–271, 377. Compare Flückiger and Hanbury 540–545: *lignum santali*; Hobson-Jobson 789–790; Maclean 782–783.

⁵⁷This may be *māmīthā*. See on this plant in the Muslim world: E. Wiedemann II, 115–116. Achundow 272–273 (524): *māmīthā*, *Glaucium corniculatum* Curt. [valid name: *Glaucium corniculatum* (Linn.) Rudolph], and 403: *māmīthā*, *māmīthā*, *Glaucium*. Ainslie: absent. Al-Biruni II, 61: *māmīthā*, *Glaucium flavum* L. [valid name: *Glaucium flavum* Crantz]; I, 300 (6) and 313, n.12: *mamīthā*, *Argemone mexicana* [*Argemone mexicana* Linn. is a valid name] and *Glaucium corniculatum* Kust. Al-Kindi 332 (279): identified as *Glaucium corniculatum*. Daljīt Simḥa 575–576: *māmīsā*, *Glaucium*. Schlimmer: absent. Schmucker 453–454: idem, identified as *Glaucium corniculatum* (L.) Curt. or *Glaucium flavum* CR. or *Glaucium luteum* Scop. [*Glaucium luteum* Scopoli is a valid name = *Chelidonium glaucium* L.].

⁵⁸Acacia *arabica* (Lam.) Willd. [valid name: *Acacia nilotica* (Linn.) Delile = *Acacia arabica* (Lam.) Willd.]. See Achundow 153 (41): *aqāqijā, succus acaciae*: es giebt zwei Arten: rothen und schwarzen; diese beiden Arten sind ausgepresst aus *Mimosa nilotica* [valid name: *Acacia nilotica* (Linn.) Delile subsp. *nilotica* = *Mimosa nilotica* Linn.]; 243 (448): *qaraz, Mimosa nilotica*. Al-Biruni 37–38 (80) and 64, n.245: *aqāqiyā*, several species of *Acacia*. Al-Kindi 234 (19): *aqāqiyā*. Daljīt Simḥa 493–494: *Acacia arabica*. Schmucker 83 (61): *aqāqiyā*, *Acacia arabica* Willd. var. *nilotica* Del. Compare Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa I, 14–16.

⁵⁹See on saffron: 2.2.561–564.

*ājādadarakhta*⁶⁰ *darakhtanāhaka*⁶¹ / *picumandah*⁶² / *nīmba*⁶³

2.2.46:

śītetaro dviguṇitam rūkṣatriguṇitam tathā /
tvag asya srotasām rodhaharī asava sāradā //

It is hot to the second degree and dry to the third degree.⁶⁴ Its bark removes obstructions to the channels and bestows their essential power to the channels transporting vital breaths.⁶⁵

⁶⁰Steingass: *āzāddirakht* (the free tree), no identification. Achundow (152 (36)) describes *Melia azedarach* [valid name: *Melia azedarach* Linn.] as *āzādracht*; this is noteworthy for that tree is usually called *mahānimba*, whereas *Melia azadirachta* is an old botanic name of *nimba*. See on *Melia azedarach* Linn.: Dymock et al. I, 330–332. Ainslie II, 453–457: *Melia Azadirachta* (Lin.). Al-Biruni 21–23 (35) and 58 (95) identifies *āzād dirakht* as *Melia azedarach* L. Al-Kindi: absent. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (II, 914): *āzād darakht*, *Melia azedarach* Linn., *mahānimba* and *āzād-darakht-hindi*, *Melia Azadirachta* Linn., *nimba*. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 453: *āzāddarakht*, *Melia azedarach*. Schlimmer (366) records under *Melia azedarach* none of the names in this heading. Schmucker: absent. E. Wiedemann II, 374: *āzādaracht*, *Melia azedarach*.

⁶¹This name is absent from my sources.

⁶²This is a synonym of *nimba* and *mahānimba* and can also designate the plant usually called *kirātatikta*, *Swertia chirayita* (Roxb.) H.Karsten.

⁶³*nimba* is generally identified as *Azadirachta indica* A.Juss. = *Melia azadirachta* Linn. See, for example, Dymock et al. I, 322–330 and Flückiger and Hanbury 135–137. The actions and indications mentioned by Mahādevadeva resemble more those of *mahānimba* than those of *nimba*. The absence of any reference to the bitterness of *nimba* supports this view.

⁶⁴*Abhinavanighantu*, p.167: *mahānimba* is hot and dry to the third degree. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, IV, 101: hot and dry. *Dhanvantarīyanighantu* 1.30 and *Rājanighantu* 9.45: *nimba* is cold. *Dhanvantarīyanighantu* 1.32 and *Rājanighantu* 9.47: *mahānimba* is cold. *Sodhalanighantu*, *Gunasaṃgraha* 127cd: *mahānimba* is dry and cold.

⁶⁵The Unani Pharmacopoeia (I, IV, 101) records the following actions of the bark: *mo-hallil* (resolvent), *musakkin* (relieving/sedative), *mulaiyin* (laxative), *munzij* (coptive), *musaffi* (purifying), *daf-e-bukhar* (removing fever, *bukhār*; see on fevers in Islamic medicine: Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 268–276.), *daf-e-taäffun* (removing fetidness, *ta'äffun*), *qatil-e-jaraseem* (*qātil-e-jarsīm*, killing pleurisy, *jirsām*), *qatil-e-kirm-e-shikam* (*qātil-e-kirm-e-shikam*, killing intestinal parasites).

See on parasites: *Mādhavanidāna* 7. See on intestinal parasites and their treatment in Islamic medicine: Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 330–332. The action called *mu-*

commentary:

tvak posta / asava sirahsambaddhāś ceṣṭāvāhinyo dhamanyah.

(Sanskrit) *tvac* (is the same as Persian) *post*.⁶⁶

The *asavah* are channels of the head, carrying (the impulses to make) movements.

2.2.47–48:

kvātho ‘sya patrasam̄bhūtaḥ kṣālanāt keśakṛṣṇatām /
nirantaram vidhatte ‘tha śūlaghno māksikānvitah //
kalko ‘sya maricaiḥ pītaḥ kandūghnah piḍikāpahah //

A decoction of its leaves blackens the hairs of the head immediately when used for washing (them) and, mixed with *māksika*,⁶⁷ cures piercing pain. Its paste, drunk together with *marica*,⁶⁸ removes itching and drives away boils.

commentary:

śūlam̄ kūliñja / asfīdā julrisās supedā kāśagari.

A piercing pain is (called) *qūlinj* (in Persian).

sakkin may be related to *musashkin*, explained differently in the comments ad 2.2.691: *kuvvat musashkin śarīroṣmapravardhinī śaktir ity arthaḥ*, i.e., the action (*kuwwat* is the Arabic equivalent of *śakti*) (called) *musashkin* consists of increasing the body heat.

⁶⁶ Both terms mean bark (of a tree).

⁶⁷ Iron pyrites. See on *māksika*: Hand Book 459–460; Nadkarni II, 66–67.

⁶⁸ *Piper nigrum* Linn. Described at 2.2.881–883.

Lead carbonate,⁶⁹ (the substance) containing lead,⁷⁰ (designates) lead carbonate⁷¹ from Kashgar.

2.2.49–50:

*sasto viśuddhaḥ śvetaś ca surabhī rūkṣaśītalaḥ /
triguṇam dviguṇam cāpi kṣālitah śītavāriṇā //
sitopalena saṃyukto netrator añjito nṛbhīḥ /
dāhakaṇḍūjalasrāvanāśanah śodhanah param //*

It is recommended after purification, when white, fragrant, dry and cold. After washing with cold water it is (dry and cold) to the third or also to the second degree.

When white sugar⁷² is added to it, it annihilates, applied to the eyes as a collyrium, a burning sensation, itching. and a watery discharge.

commentary:

sitopalah nabātāta miśrī.

sitopala is an Egyptian plant (*nabātātī*).⁷³

⁶⁹ Achundow 153 (38): *isfidâdsch*, Cerussa, Bleiweiss, and 315 (4): *isfidâdsch*, Cerusa, Bleiweiss. Ainslie I, 534–535: *asfîdâj*, the Arabic name, *sufîdah*, the Persian name of plumbi subcarbonas, white oxide of lead, or cerusse. Hand Book 476: Arabic name *isfedaj*. Nadkarni II, 85–86: plumbi carbonas, white lead, Arabic name *isfedaj*, Persian name *sufeadba*. Steingass: *isfedâj*, white water, ceruse, a paint used by women. E. Wiedemann I, 712: *isfidâg*; II, 16; 272: Bleiweisz, *isfidâq*.

⁷⁰ Achundow 319 (3): *rasâs*, Plumbum, Blei; das Wort “Rasâs” bedeutet im Arabischen Zinn und Blei, welche Metalle durch einen Zusatz von abjaz (weiss) oder aswad (schwarz) von einander unterschieden werden. Hand Book 474: *ressas* is the Arabic name of lead. Steingass: *rişâş* is lead or tin. Compare on *raşâş*: E. Wiedemann I, 702–703. Lead is described at 2.2.18–19: *ānāra – suruva / sîsâ. dhū'l-rişâş* is literally ‘the possessor of lead’.

⁷¹ Hand Book 476: *sufeadba* is its Persian name. Steingass: *safedâ*, white lead.

⁷² See on sugar: Achundow 375–376; Ainslie I, 407–411; Flückiger and Hanbury 649–657. See on the history of sugar: Wiedemann II, 137–146; 178; 305–313; 408–414.

⁷³ This implies that cane sugar was imported from Egypt.

āśārūna⁷⁴ tagara⁷⁵

2.2.52–54:

*mūlam trṇaviśeṣasya rūkṣoṣṇam trigunam smṛtam /
sugandhi granthilam śastam tanunātanupācakam //
śothādīnām layakṛd visphoṭādīnām ca pākakṛt /
mātrā dirama miskalāvadhir etasya kīrtitā //
muslih mabīja samprokta hy aneke badala⁷⁶ smṛtāḥ /*

This root⁷⁷ of a particular kind of grass⁷⁸ is traditionally said to be dry and hot to the third degree.⁷⁹ It is recommended when fragrant⁸⁰ and knotted,⁸¹

⁷⁴ Achundow 148, nr. 17: *asārūn*, *Asarum europaeum* [*Asarum europaeum* Linn. is a valid name]; two kinds: black and white, with a preference for the black type, and 339–340. Ainslie I, 23–24: *āśārūn*, *Asarum Europaeum* (Lin.). Al-Biruni I, 23 (37): *asārūn* and 59, n.109: *Asarum europaeum* L. Al-Kindi 227 (4): *Asarum europaeum* L. Āyurvedīyavīsvakoṣa I, 753–754: *asārūn*, *Asarum europaeum*. Daljīt Simhā 46–47 (*asārūna*): *Asarum europaeum* Linn. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 77–78: *āśārūn*, *Asarum europaeum*. Hamdard 415: *asarun*, identified as *Valeriana hardwickii* De. [this name is not valid; valid name: *Valeriana hardwickii* Wall.]. Hand Book: absent. Schlimmer 60: *āśārūn thāmī*, *Asarum Europaeum*. Schmucker 62 (20): *asārūn*, *Asarum europaeum* L. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, VI, 15 and II, I, 220–221: the drug Aseroon consists of the dried rhizomes of *Asarum europaeum* Linn.

⁷⁵ Daljīt Simhā gives *pārasīka tagara* as its Sanskrit name. Hamdard 415: *taggar* is an Urdu name of *asarun*. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, VI, 15: *taggar* is the Hindī name of *asārūn*. Absent from Sheriff. Hamdard identifies *tagara* as *Valeriana hardwickii*, i.e., *Valeriana hardwickii* Wall., the Unani Pharmacopoeia as *Valeriana jatamansi* Jones [valid name] = *Valeriana wallichii* DC. See on *Valeriana wallichii* DC. as the Indian kind of *āśārūn* in Islamic medicine: Dymock et al. II, 238–240. *Asarum* spp. are not known from āyurvedic literature and are not indigenous to India.

⁷⁶ This should be a plural.

⁷⁷ Daljīt Simhā also regards the roots as the part used in medicine.

⁷⁸ This qualification does not agree with the identification as *Asarum europaeum*, which plant belongs to the *Aristolochiaceae*.

⁷⁹ Achundow (148 and 340) agrees. The Āyurvedīyavīsvakoṣa calls it hot and dry to the end of the second degree; it adds that others regard it as hot to the third and dry to the second or third degree. Daljīt Simhā describes it as dry and hot to the second degree. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, VI, 16: hot and dry.

⁸⁰ Achundow (148) mentions that the most fragrant kind is the one with thin stalks.

⁸¹ See Watt I, 337: the root is knotted and twisted.

and it does not mature the body when having a thin (stalk). (?)
 $(\tilde{a}s\bar{a}r\bar{u}n)$ ⁸² dissolves swellings⁸³ and similar (disorders) and matures blisters,
etc.

Its dose is said to be from a *dirham* up to a *miskāl*.⁸⁴
(Its) actions are corrective (*muslih*) and *mabīj*.⁸⁵ Several substitutes are known.

*te ca yathā
tanmātrārdhapramāṇena vacākarcūranāgaram //*

These (substitutes) are as follows: *vacā*,⁸⁶ *karcūra*⁸⁷ and *nāgara*;⁸⁸ they are

⁸² See on the uses in India of this plant, not indigenous to the country and imported from Iran: Ainslie I, 24 and Watt I, 337–338.

⁸³ Achundow (148): es unterdrückt Schwellungen der Leber und der Milz. Daljīt Simḥa agrees in regarding it as *śvayathuvilayana*, resolving swellings. The Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (I, 754) expresses a similar opinion.

⁸⁴ Unani Pharmacopoeia I, VI, 16: its dose is 3 g. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 444: a *dirham* is 3.125 gm, a *miṭhqāl* is 4.464 gm.

⁸⁵ This may be an error for *mubīj*, aperient. Ainslie mentions that it is *mufattīh*, i.e., deobstruent and *muḥallīl*, i.e., resolvent. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, VI, 16: its actions are *moharrik-e-asab* (*muḥarrik-e-‘aṣab*, nerve stimulant), *mudirr-e-baul* (diuretic), *mudirr-e-haiz* (emmenagogue). Compare Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa I, 754.

⁸⁶ Usually identified as *Acorus calamus* Linn. [this is a valid name]. Achundow (281) regards this plant as *Iris pseudacorus* [valid name: *Iris pseudacorus* Linn.]. Schmucker (528) remarks that *Iris pseudacorus* L. and *Calamus asiaticus* should also be considered as possible identifications. See on *vacā*: *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.168; Achundow 281 (564): *wadsch*; Ainslie I, 416–419: *vudge*, *Acorus calamus* (Lin.); Al-Biruni 334 (2): *wajj* and 338, n.2: *Acorus calamus* L.; Al-Kindi 343–344 (316): Arabic name *wajj*, *Acorus calamus* L.; Daljīt Simḥa 483–485: Arabic name *al-wajj*; Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 29: *al-wajj*, *Acorus calamus*; Hamdard 354: *Acorus calamus* Linn., Arabic name *vaj*; Schlimmer 98–99: *waj*, *Calamus asiaticus*; Schmucker 528–530 (796): Arabic name *wajj*. *vacā* is described at 2.2.1115–1119: *vaja – vacā / khurāsānī*. Compare on *Acorus calamus*: Flückiger and Hanbury 613–616.

⁸⁷ Usually identified as *Curcuma zedoaria* (Christm.) Roscoe [this is a valid name], sometimes as *Hedychium spicatum* Buch.-Ham. [this is a valid name]. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa III, 1908: *karcūra*, *zarambād*, *Curcuma zedoaria* Roscoe, *Curcuma zerumbet* Roxb. See: Daljīt Simḥa 405: the same as the Persian *jarambāda*. Compare Achundow 329 (14): *zarwār*, an error for *zadwār*, *radix Zedoariae*.

⁸⁸ The rhizome of *Zingiber officinale* Roscoe, ginger.

taken in half the quantity referred to.⁸⁹

commentary:

jarambāda karcūrah jañjabīla nāgaram vā śadāśaparimitā hamāmā bheṣajaviśeṣah. kirdamānā yā havvavalasāṁ yā nisfavajana khūlinjā ity ete pratinidhayaḥ kāryaviśeṣaparāḥ lepena śaktih salāvat tihāla yāne saratīsiyarja plīhāḥ (sic!) pāruṣyaṇ tāpatillī tigadāḥ prathitaḥ śaktih mufattiha suddā musakkin irakunnisā gṛdhrasī rāṅghaṇa nāmāmayas tadvedanānāśanām ca. vajrulvarak dardasurīna kaṭinitambajaghanapīḍā tannibarhanām ca.

*jarambāda*⁹⁰ is (Sanskrit) *karcūra*

⁸⁹ Achundow (148) mentions as substitutes *Iris pseudacorus*, together with half the quantity of *Nardus indica* [valid name: *Microchloa indica* (Linn.f.) P.Beauv. = *Nardus indica* Linn.f.], and *Artemisia absinthium* [valid name: *Artemisia absinthium* Linn.]. The Āyurvediyaviśvakoṣa (I, 753) enumerates as correctives: *kuliñjana* and *śuṇṭhi*.

⁹⁰ Achundow 213–214 (293): *zirāwend*, *Aristolochia longa* [this is not a valid name] and *Aristolochia rotunda* [valid name: *Aristolochia rotunda* Linn.], and 374–375 (234): *zirāwend*, *Aristolochia* (with a discussion of the various types distinguished). Ainslie II, 298–302: no Persian or Arabic name, *Aristolochia indica* (Lin.) [valid name: *Aristolochia indica* Linn.]. Al-Biruni II, 94–95: *zarāwand*, *Aristolochia bracteata* Retz. [valid name: *Aristolochia bracteolata* Lam. = *Aristolochia bracteata* Retz.]; II, 107 (9): *jadwār* and 116, n.16: *Curcuma zedoaria* L. Al Kindi 273–274 (123): *zarāwand mudahrij*, *Aristolochia rotunda* L. Daljīt Simḥa 326–327: identified as *Aristolochia indica* Linn. and *Aristolochia bracteolata* Lam.; the former is known as *kīṭamārī*, the latter as *īśvarī* in Sanskrit; both are used in āyurveda. *Aristolochia indica* is also regarded as the āyurvedic *nākulī* and *gandhanākulī* (see Singh and Chunekar 219). Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 74: *zarāwand*, *Aristolochia*. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, V, 109: the drug Zarawand hindi consists of dried root of *Aristolochia indica* Linn. (cf. II, II, 266); II, I, 259 and II, II, 266: *zarawand taweeł* consists of the tuberous rhizomes of *Aristolochia longa* Linn. See on *Aristolochia indica* Linn.: Dymock et al. III, 158–163, on *Aristolochia bracteata* Retz.: Dymock et al. III, 163–166. Hamdard 380–381: *zhadvar* is the Arabic and Persian name of *Delphinium nudatum* Wall. [valid name: *Delphinium nudatum* Wall. ex Hook.f. et Thomson]. Hand Book: absent. Schlimmer 556: *jarambād*, *Zedoaria zerumbet*. Schmucker 139 (189): *jadwār*, *Curcuma zedoaria* [valid name *Curcuma zedoaria* (Christm.) Roscoe = *Curcuma zerumbet* (Berg.) Roxb.]. Cf. Ainslie I, 490: *zarambād*, *Curcuma Zerumbet*, the same as Sanskrit *karcūra* and 490–494: *jadwār*, *Curcuma Zedoaria* (Roxb.), which is the same as Sanskrit *nirviṣā*. Daljīt Simḥa 405–406: *Curcuma zedoaria* (Christm.) Rosc. Used in āyurveda. See on *Curcuma zedoaria*: Dymock et al.

and *jañjabīla*,⁹¹ or⁹² (Sanskrit) *nāgara*,⁹³ or *hamāmā*⁹⁴ in the measure of a sixth part (constitute) a particular medicine.(?)⁹⁵ Substitutes are *kirdamānā*,⁹⁶ *havvavalasām*,⁹⁷

III, 399–403. See also E. Wiedemann II, 14: *zurunbād. jadavāraka*, the same as *jadwar*, is found in the *Siddhabhaiṣajyamañjūṣā* (jvara 81) (see G. Jan Meulenbeld IIA, 401 and note 344 on 412). The *Siddhaprayogalatikā* (8.16) is also acquainted with *jadavāra*.

⁹¹ See 2.2.571–574.

⁹² I.e., is identical with.

⁹³ See 2.2.571–574

⁹⁴ Achundow 185 (135) and 362 (110): *hamāmā*, *Amomum* der alten Griechen, *Cissus vitiginea* L. [this is a valid name]. Al-Biruni 129 (69): *humāma* and 136, n.84: *humāmā* or *hamāmā*, *Dionysia diapensiaeefolia* Boiss. [valid name: *Dionysia diapensiifolia* Boiss.]. Daljīt Siṁha 716–717: *Dionysia diapensiaeefolia* Boiss., the *Amomum* of Yūnānī. Schmucker 171 (252).

⁹⁵ Noteworthy is the absence of *vacā* in this enumeration of drugs.

⁹⁶ Achundow 245 (461): *qardamānā*, *Lagoecia cuminoides* [valid name: *Lagoecia cuminoides* Linn.], Hasenkümmel, and 392 (348) (with a discussion of its identity and the possibility of confusion with *qardanānā*, a variously identified plant). Ainslie: absent. Al-Biruni 266 (18): *qardimānā*, *qurdimānā*, or *qirdimānā* and 273, n.46: hemlock, *Coum maculatum* L. [this is a valid name]; compare on this plant: Flückiger and Hanbury 266–267. Al-Kindi: absent. Daljīt Siṁha 191 (*kirdimānā*): the wild type of *kurūyā*, *Carum carvi* Linn. [this is a valid name]; compare on this plant: Flückiger and Hanbury 271–274. Hand Book: absent. Schlimmer: Persian name of *Carum carvi* is *zirah siyā*. Schmucker 338–339 (565): *qardamānā*, *Lagoecia cuminoides* L., wilder Kümmel, Hasenkümmel. Unani Pharmacopoeia II, I, 259 and II, 267: *zeera siyah* consists of the seeds of *Carum carvi* Linn.

⁹⁷ Achundow 165–166 (71) and 199–200: *balasān*, *Amyris gileadensis* [valid name: *Commiphora gileadensis* (Linn.) C.Chr. = *Amyris gileadensis* Linn.]; 351–352 (58): *balasān*: Balsam von Mekka oder von Gilead, stammend von *Balsamodendron Opobalsamum* Kth. [valid name: *Commiphora gileadensis* (Linn.) C.Chr.] d.h. von einer Varietät der *Amyris gileadensis* L. s. *Balsamodendron gileadense* Kth.; 351–353. Ainslie I, 26–28 and 277–280: *bulsān*, *Amyris giliadensis* (Lin.). Al-Biruni II, 79–80: *balasān*, balm from *Commiphora opobalsamum* Engl. [valid name: *Commiphora gileadensis* (Linn.) C.Chr. = *Commiphora opobalsamum* (Linn.) Engl.], *Balsamodendron Gileadense*, or *Balsamum judaicum*; I, 73–75 (23) and 84, n.53: *balasān*, balm of Gilead, balsam of Mecca tree, *Commiphora opobalsamum* Engl. Al-Kindi 245 (43): *balasān*, balm of Gilead, *Commiphora opobalsamum* Engl. Daljīt Siṁha 499–500: *valasām* is identified as *Commiphora gileadensis* (Linn.) C.Chr. = *Commiphora opobalsamum* (Linn.) Engl. Hamdard 363: *akulla-balasan* is the Arabic name of the balm from *Balsamodendron*

half a *wazn*⁹⁸ of *khūlinjā*⁹⁹ are highly able to perform particular actions in an ointment.

The action on hardness (*salābat*) of the spleen (*tihāl*) or ...¹⁰⁰ of the spleen, roughness of the spleen, *tāpatillī*,¹⁰¹ ...,¹⁰² is well known. Its actions¹⁰³ are¹⁰⁴ deobstruent (*mufattih*)¹⁰⁵ with regard to obstructions (*suddā*), relieving (*musakkin*) with respect to the disease *irakunnisā*, called (*grdhrasī*)¹⁰⁶ and

dron opobalsamum Kunth. Schlimmer 72: *balasān*: balsamum. Schmucker 118 (139): *balasān*, Mecca balm, *Commiphora opobalsamum* Engl. E. Wiedemann II, 121–122: *balsān*, 374–375: *balasān*.

⁹⁸ *nisfavajana*. Daljīt Simḥa: absent. See 2.2.165, commentary: *nisfavajana rughasūsa*. *vajana* is Persian *wazn*, a measure of weight; *nisf* is a half. Achundow 218 (318): *sūs*, *Glycyrrhiza glabra* [valid name: *Glycyrrhiza glabra* Linn.]. Ainslie I, 199–200: *uşşul sūs*, liquorice root, *Glycyrrhiza glabra* (Lin.). Al-Biruni 195–196 (62): *sūs* and 203 (147): the root of *Glycyrrhiza glabra* L. Al-Kindi 288–289: *sūs*, *Glycyrrhiza glabra* L. Daljīt Simḥa 584–586: *alsūs*, the Arabic name of *Glycyrrhiza glabra* Linn. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 406–407: ‘*irq al-sūs*, Liquiritia officinalis. Hamdard 387–388: *soos*, *Glycyrrhiza glabra* Linn. Schmucker 253 (409): *sūs*, *Glycyrrhiza glabra*. Schlimmer 347: *rubbus-sūs*, extract of liquorice. See on *rubb*: E. Wiedemann II, 123. Compare on *radix glycyrrhizae* and *succus glycyrrhizae*: Flückiger and Hanbury 156–162.

⁹⁹ Achundow 196 (179): *chūlindschān*, *Alpinia galanga* [valid name: *Alpinia galanga* (Linn.) Sw.]; compare 390 (342): *qust*. Ainslie I, 140–142: *khūlinjān*, *Alpinia galanga* (Linn.). Al-Kindi 265 (93): *khūlanjān*, *Alpinia officinarum* Hance [this is a valid name]. Daljīt Simḥa 192–194 (*kulañjana*), identified as *Alpinia officinarum* Hance. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 303: *khūlajān*, *Alpinia officinarum*. Hamdard 357–358: *khulanjan* is the Urdu name of *Alpinia galanga* Willd. Hand Book 250–256: *Alpinia galanga* (Linn.) Sw. Schlimmer 3: *khūlanjān*, *Alpinia galanga*. Schmucker 188 (285): *khūlinjān*, *Alpinia officinarum*. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, II, 67: *khulanjan* consists of the dried rhizomes of *Alpinia galanga* (Linn.) Sw. Compare Flückiger and Hanbury 580–582: (*rhi-zoma galangae*).

¹⁰⁰ I cannot interpret *saratīsiyarja*.

¹⁰¹ Induration or enlargement of the spleen, attended with or preceded by fever, splenitis (Platts).

¹⁰² The meaning of *tigadah* is not clear.

¹⁰³ Compare Achundow (213–214), Daljīt Simḥa (326–327) and Hand Book (255) on the therapeutic uses.

¹⁰⁴ Compare Hand Book 254.

¹⁰⁵ The Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine (432) interprets this term as ‘aperient’.

¹⁰⁶ The Sanskrit name of sciatica.

rāṅghana,¹⁰⁷ removing the pain those give rise to. *vajrulvarak*¹⁰⁸ removes pain (*dard*) in the region of hips and buttocks (*surīn*).¹⁰⁹

2.2.55:

*vikārān śaityasambhūtān śirobaddhaśirābhavān /
aśanāl lepanād dhanti nīhāram iva bhāskarāḥ //*

It annihilates morbid changes arising from cold and located in the channels of the head by ingesting it (or) applying it as an ointment, in the same way as the sun drives away the fog.

commentary:

*vikāra illat śirobaddhaśirāśaityam vanūdata asabānī (jñānatantuḥ).*¹¹⁰

The disorder¹¹¹ is coldness of the vessels connected to the head, relaxation¹¹² of the nerves (threads carrying information).

2.2.56–57:

*miskāla trityam cūrṇam māūlasalasaṃyutam /
sāndraśleśmavirekārtham hitam proktam kriyāparaiḥ //
yāne varāya isahāl vāste dātasvalāmlajuj /
māyulasala uṣṇāmbhāḥkṣaudrasaṃyogaśādhitam /
pravartakam ca mūtrasya rajasaś ca nigadyate //*

Its dose is three *miskāl* as a powder to which *asal*¹¹³ water is added.

¹⁰⁷ Dalhaṇa mentions *raṅghinī* as a popular name of sciatica.

¹⁰⁸ Al-Biruni II, 87: the seeds (*bajr*) of *barakah*, *Nigella sativa* Sibthorp [valid name: *Nigella sativa* Linn.] or *Agrostemma githago* L. [this is a valid name]. Ainslie does not record the name *varaka* for *Nigella sativa* (I, 128). Another plant called *varaka* may be described at 2.2.1130: *varaka - somana / varaga jambak; jambuk* is the rose-apple, called *jambū* in Sanskrit, and identified as *Syzygium cumini* (Linn.) Skeels [this is a valid name]; *waraq*, however, is a Persian word for the leaf of a tree.

¹⁰⁹ *surīn* is followed by Sanskrit terms for the same region: hips (*kaṭi*) and hinder parts (*nitamba* and *jaghana*). Both *nitamba* and *jaghana* denote the hinder parts.

¹¹⁰ Persian/Arabic ‘*asab* means sinew, tendon, nerve. muscle.

¹¹¹ ‘*illat* is a term for disease.

¹¹² *vanūdat* may be related to the verb *wanā*, to be sluggish, to relax.

¹¹³ Daljīt Simḥa 471: *asal* is the Arabic name of *Tamarix articulata* Vahl [valid name: *Tamarix aphylla* (Linn.) H.Karst.]. Ainslie: absent. Al-Biruni 16 (14): *athl* and 56, n.34: *Tama-*

The experts in treatment declare it to be beneficial with a view to the expectoration of viscid phlegm, or with regard to a moderate¹¹⁴ form of diarrhoea,¹¹⁵ when *amla* ...¹¹⁶

The water of *asal*, prepared by adding hot water and honey,¹¹⁷ is said to promote urination and the appearance of the menses.

anyac ca

Another preparation

2.2.58:

*pıştam gopayasā bastau jaghane ca pralepanāt /
retahstambhakaram cāpi kusumeṣu pradīpanam /
phupphusasya smṛtam vaidyair bhūyiṣṭham doṣakārakam //*

Crushed with cow's milk and applied as a paste on bladder and hinder parts it brings about the retention of semen and excites sexual desires.

The *vaidyas* regard it as mostly deleterious to the lungs.¹¹⁸

commentary:

phupphusam śāśa phepadā bhāṣāyām

The lungs (*phupphusa*) are called *shush* (in Persian) and *pheparā*¹¹⁹ in the vernacular.

rix dioica Roxb. [valid name *Tamarix dioica* Roxb. ex Roth]. Al-Kindi 229–230 (9): ‘*asal*, a kind of rush; it may be *Juncus acutus* L. [this is a valid name], others identify it as *Arundo festucoides* Desf. [this is not a valid name] and *Arundo tenax* Vahl [valid name: *Ampelodesmos mauritanicus* (Poir.) Durand et Schinz = *Arundo tenax* Vahl]. Schlimmer 528: *habb al-athl*, *Tamarix mannifera* [valid name: *Tamarix nilotica* (Ehrenb.) Bunge = *Tamarix mannifera* (Ehrenb.) Bunge]. *asal* has to be distinguished from ‘*asal*, honey. Al-Biruni II, 100: ‘*asal*, honey; II, 225 (16): ‘*asal*, honey. Al-Kindi 304 (200): ‘*asal*, honey.

¹¹⁴ *warā*‘, *warā*‘at = moderate.

¹¹⁵ *ishāl* = diarrhoea (see Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa II, 1420–1421).

¹¹⁶ I cannot interpret *dātasvalāmlajuj. juz*‘ means a part or portion (of *amla*).

¹¹⁷ ‘*asal*, honey, will be meant here, not the tree called *asal*.

¹¹⁸ Daljīt Simḥa (327) mentions the spleen, not the lungs.

¹¹⁹ This is the Hindī term for lung.

ustūkhadasa¹²⁰ śāhasapharam¹²¹ pūsapulakhāha puspaviśesah¹²²

2.2.59–61:

*uṣṇam ekaguṇam rūkṣam dviguṇam prakṛtau smṛtam /
śaktir mulattifa proktā mufattih musalih tathā //
saudā doṣasya nitarām mukavvī dil mufarraha /
śastam raktaṁ manāk kiṃcit pālāśam tiktakam rase /
diramadvayam¹²³ etasya mātrā vā diramatrayam /*

¹²⁰ Achundow 147 (15): *ustuchudus*, identified as *Lavandula stoechas* [valid name: *Lavandula stoechas* Linn.], and 339 (13) (with a discussion on its identity). Ainslie: absent. Al-Biruni II, 72: *astūkhūdhus*, *Lavandula stoechas* Linn.; I, 23–24 (38): *astūkhudūs* and 59, n.114: *Lavandula stoechas* L. Al-Kindi: absent. Daljīt Simḥa 90–91: *ustūkhu(khū)* *dūs*, identified as *Lavandula stoechas* Linn. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa II, 1674–1679: *ustokhuddas*, *ustokhūdūs*, *Lavandula stoechas* Lavi. Hamdard 397: the Arabic name of *Lavandula stoechas* Linn. is *ustukhudusa*, the Urdu name *ustukhuddus*. Hand Book: absent. Schlimmer 342: *uṣṭūhūdūs*, *Lavandula stoechas*. Schmucker 66 (28): *uṣṭūhūdūs*, idem. *Lavandula stoechas* is absent from classical āyurvedic literature; it is described as *ustakhuddūs* in the *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.25).

¹²¹ The occurrence of this name in this context is puzzling; there is no close relationship between the genera *Lavandula* and *Ocimum* though both belong to the same family (*Lamiaceae*). *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.128: *śāhasiparam*, the same as *surasā*, *Ocimum basilicum* Linn. or *Ocimum tenuiflorum* Linn. Achundow 226 (362): *schāhsifaram*, *Ocimum minimum*. Ainslie: absent. Al-Biruni 346–347 (7): *shāh safaram* and 368 (20): *Ocimum basilicum* L. Al-Kindi 290–291 (163): *shāhsifaram*, *Ocimum minimum* L. [this is a valid name] or *Ocimum basilicum* L. [this is a valid name]. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa II, 1675: *śāha safaram*, *Lavandula stoechas* Lavi. Hamdard 407: *shahasfaram*, the Arabic name of *Ocimum basilicum* Linn. Daljīt Simḥa (372–374) records other names of *Ocimum basilicum*. Schlimmer 409: *shāhsifaram*, *Ocimum basilicum* [this is not a valid name]. Schmucker 259 (417): *shāhsifaram*, *Ocimum minimum* L. See also E. Wiedemann II, 301 on *schaāschfaram*, *raiḥān*, *habaq* and their botanical identities.

¹²² I.e., a particular flower; the meaning of *pūsapulakhāha* is not clear. The *Abhinava-nighaṇṭu* (p.25) gives *damanaka* as the Sanskrit name of *ustakhuddūs*. Classical āyurvedic texts do not mention *damanaka*. This plant is usually identified as an *Artemisia* species, mostly as *Artemisia sieversiana* Willd. [this is a valid name] or *Artemisia indica* Willd. [this is a valid name], sometimes as *Artemisia vulgaris* Linn. [this is a valid name]. A text acquainted with it is the *Kāmasūtra* (4.1.29). See on it: *Dhanvantarīya-nighaṇṭu* 3.64–66; *Kaiyadevanighaṇṭu*, *oṣadhivarga* 1569–1570; *Rājanighaṇṭu* 10.119–122; *Bhāvaprakāśanighaṇṭu*, *puṣpavarga* 67–68.

¹²³ The edition has the erroneous reading *diramadvayam* *yam*, with *yam* as an extra ninth

kvāthe hafta 7 diram proktā tavīkh matbūkhanāmani //

It is traditionally regarded as being hot to the first degree, dry to the second degree with regard to its nature.¹²⁴

The actions are attenuant¹²⁵ (*mulaṭṭif*)¹²⁶ and also deobstruent (*mufattih*)¹²⁷ and corrective (*muslih*).

The actions tonic (*mukavvī*) with respect to the heart (*dil*) and exhilarating (*mufarrah*)¹²⁸ (annihilate) the *doṣa* black bile completely.¹²⁹

Recommended is the slightly red one and the one somewhat resembling a *palāśa* flower in colour,¹³⁰ which is bitter in taste.

The dose of this (drug) is two or three *dirham*.¹³¹

(The dose) of a decoction, called *tavīkh* and *matbūkh*,¹³² is said to be seven *dirham*.

commentary:

jośāndā iti ca.

I.e., a decoction (*joshānda*).

2.2.62–64:

samaga-arabī tu darpaghnaḥ katīrā ‘py athavā bhavet / hamāmā vārajad vā ‘pi mukla vā yā śikañjavī //

syllable in the *pāda*.

¹²⁴ Achundow 147 (15); hot and dry to the second degree. Daljīt Simḥa 91: hot to the first degree and dry to the second degree. The Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (II, 1675–1676) mentions a series of different opinions on the degrees of hotness and dryness.

¹²⁵ I.e., thinning secretions.

¹²⁶ The Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine (431) renders this term as ‘assuasive’.

¹²⁷ Daljīt Simḥa 91: *pramāthin*, i.e., producing secretion of the vessels (*mufattih*). The Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (II, 1676) calls it *vilāyaka* (resolving) and *avarodhodghāṭaka* (removing obstructions).

¹²⁸ Hand Book 254: *mufarrih* = exhilarant.

¹²⁹ Achundow (147) agrees. Daljīt Simḥa 91: *saudāvirecanīya*, i.e., purgative with respect to black bile. Compare Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa II, 1676.

¹³⁰ The flowers of this tree, *Butea monosperma* (Lam.) Taub. [this is a valid name] are orange-red.

¹³¹ Achundow (147) agrees. Daljīt Simḥa 91: five to seven gm (*māśā*).

¹³² Persian/Arabic *tabīkh* and *matbūkh* are terms denoting a decoction (see Al-Biruni 117, n.61).

*badala fasālīyūna 'sya aftīmūn karviyā 'thavā /
nirdiṣṭah kuśalair nūnam yathāsthānam bhiṣagvaraiḥ //
duṣṭadoṣāñ chirahśuddhim vidhatte 'pasmr̥ter haram /
sūryāvartārdhabhedādīn aśanān nasyato haret //*

Correctives are¹³³ *samag̃ arabī*,¹³⁴ or also *katīrā*,¹³⁵ or *hamāmā*, *vārajad*,¹³⁶

¹³³ Daljīt Simḥa (91) mentions a *śarbat*, a drink, of *nībū* (juice). Al-Biruni: absent. *Nībū* designates *Citrus aurantifolia* (Christmas) Swingle [valid name: *Citrus aurantiifolia* (Christm.) Swingle] according to Daljīt Simḥa 422–423. The Arabic and Persian name is *līmūn*.

¹³⁴ Described at 2.2.740–743. Achundow 227 (367): *samgh*, *gummi arabicum* and 382 (285): *samgh-i arabī*, *gummi arabicum*. Ainslie I, 160–162: *śamagh̃ 'arabī*, *Feronia elephantum* (Roxb.) [valid name: *Limonia acidissima* Linn. = *Feronia elephantum* Corrēa] and, as a substitute, *Acacia arabica* Willd. [valid name: *Acacia nilotica* (Linn.) Delile = *Acacia arabica* (Lam.) Willd.]. Al-Biruni II, 98: *śamagh̃ 'arabī*, gum of *Acacia arabica* Willd.; I, 206 (17); 37–38 (80) and 64, n.245: several species of *Acacia* give *gummi acaciae*. Al-Kindi 234 (19): the resin, gum-arabic, *as-samgh al-'arabī*, from *Acacia arabica* Willd. var. *nilotica* Del. Hand Book 383: *Acacia arabica* Willd. Daljīt Simḥa 493–494: the gum of *Acacia arabica* Willd. Schlimmer 307: *gummi arabicum*, *śamagh̃ 'arabī*. Schmucker 282 (460): *śamagh̃ 'arabī*. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, VI, 66: *śamagh-e-arabi* consists of the dried gum obtained from *Acacia nilotica* (L.) Willd. ex Del.; II, I, 250 and II, II, 263: the gummy exudates of the branches of *Acacia senegal* L. [valid name: *Acacia senegal* (Linn.) Willd.] Compare on *Acacia arabica* Willd.: Hamdard 353–354. See on *gummi arabicum* also: E. Wiedemann II, 237. Compare on *gummi acaciae*: Flückiger and Hanbury 206–213.

¹³⁵ Described at 2.2.931–932. See Hamdard 375: *Cochlospermum gossypium* DC.

¹³⁶ Galbanum; *barzad* from *Ferula galbaniflua* Buhse [valid name: *Ferula gummosa* Boiss. = *Ferula galbaniflua* Boiss. et Buhse], and *washa* from *Dorema ancheri* Boiss. Ainslie I, 142–144: Galbanum, *Bubon Galbanum* (Lin.), called *barzad* in Arabic and Persian. Schmucker 171 (252): *ḥamāmā*, *Cissus vitiginea* L. Achundow 244 (452): *qinna*, galbanum, and 391 (344): *bārzād*, Galbanum; nach Schlimmer hat man zwei Arten des persischen Galbanum wohl zu unterscheiden: das braune Galbanum stimmt von *Ferula galbaniflua* Buhse und das weisslichgelbe von *Dorema aucheri* [this is not a valid name; *Dorema ammoniacum* D.Don may be meant; see on this plant: Flückiger and Hanbury 288–291]. Al-Kindi 239–240: *bārzad*, galbanum, resin of *Ferula galbaniflua* Boiss. or *F. rubricaulis* Boiss. [valid name: *Ferula pseudalliiacea* Rech.f.] or another species. Daljīt Simḥa 333–334: Arabic *qinna*, *bārzad* and Persian *barzad*: galbanum, the resin from *Ferula galbaniflua* Boiss. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 268: *barzad*, *qinnah*, *Ferula galbaniflua*. Schlimmer 295–296: galbanum; *barzad* from *Ferula galbaniflua*

mukla,¹³⁷ or *śikañjavī*.¹³⁸

Substitutes are¹³⁹ *fasālīyūn*,¹⁴⁰ *gandanā*,¹⁴¹

Buhse, and *washā* from *Dorema ancheri* Boiss. [this is not a valid name]. See also E. Wiedemann II, 235–236 (17). Compare on galbanum: Flückiger and Hanbury 285–288.

¹³⁷ Achundow 272 (522): *muql*, bdellium, Harz eines *Balsamodendron*, and 402–403: *muql*, ein Produkt mehrerer Species von *Balsamodendron* seu *Heudelotia Burseraceae*, namentlich von *Balsamodendron mukul* Hook. [valid name: *Commiphora wightii* (Arn.) Bhandari = *Balsamodendron mukul* Hook. ex Stocks] dem indischen Bdelliumbaum, und von *Balsamodendron africanum* Ar., dem afrikanischen Balsambaum. Ainslie I, 29–31: bdellium (source uncertain), Persian name: *muql*, Arabic name: *aflātūn*. Al-Kindi 336 (292) and 328–329: *muql* designates the bdellium, sometimes called false bdellium, which comes from *Balsamodendron mukul* Hook., blue bdellium, *kūr azraq*, is probably the resin of *Balsamodendron africanum* Arn. Daljīt Simḥa 13–14: Arabic name *ūd al-hindī*. Hamdard 362: *moql*, the Arabic name of the gum from *Balsamodendron mukul* Hook. Schlimmer 73: bdellium, *muql azraq*. Unani Pharmacopoeia (I, I, 64): *muqil-e-arzaq*, the Arabic name, and *boo-e-jahoodan*, the Persian name of *Commiphora wightii* (Arn.) Bhand. Compare on bdellium: Hobson-Jobson 76; Maclean 78–79. See om *muql* in the Muslim world: E. Wiedemann II, 107, 119; 237 (25): *al muql al azraq* (das blaue *Muql*, Bdellium).

¹³⁸ Achundow 376: es ist eine Mischung von Zucker oder Honig oder Traubensaft mit Rothessig in gleicher Gewichtsmenge, die nach langsamem Kochen als eine syrupartige Flüssigkeit erhalten wird. Al-Kindi 284 (149): oxymel, a mixture of vinegar, salt, honey and water. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa II, 901: *sikanjabīn*, oxymel. Daljīt Simḥa 422–423. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 172: oxymel, *sikanjīn*. Schlimmer 422: oxymel, *sakanjabīn*. Schmucker 242 (395): oxymel; Schmucker quotes from Achundow 376.

¹³⁹ Daljīt Simḥa (91) records as substitutes *aftīmūn* or, with a view to purification, *ayārij*; see on *iyārij*: 3.28–30 and 78–81 (*ayāraj*). See Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa I, 525–526: *ayārij*. See also Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 168–169: laxatives, *ayārij*. Compare Al Kindi 238 (28): a compound electuary.

¹⁴⁰ This may be *farāsiyūn*, *Marrubium vulgare* Linn. [this is a valid name]. Achundow 240 (425): *firāsiyūn*, *Marrubium vulgare*, and 387 (321): *furāsiyūn*, *Marrubium*. Ainslie: absent. Al-Biruni 249–250 (12) and 258, n.23: *furāsiyūn*, *Marrubium vulgare* L. Al-Kindi: absent. Daljīt Simḥa 470–471: *farāsiyūn*, *Marrubium vulgare* Linn. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 430: *farāsiyūn*, *Marrubium*. Schmucker 315 (523): *farāsiyūn*, *Marrubium vulgare* L. The *Hikmatprakāśa* describes at 2.2.866–869 a drug called *farāsayūna*.

¹⁴¹ Al-Biruni (II, 277 and 286, n.15), Daljīt Simḥa (232–233) and Schlimmer (27) give *gandanā* as the Persian name of *Allium porrum* L. [this is a valid name] Achundow (394) once refers to *Allium porrum* L. as *gāndānā*, but another name is *kurrāṭh* (Achundow 249–250). The Unani Pharmacopoeia (I, III, 27) identifies *gandana* as the dried leaves

*kohī*¹⁴² *aftimūn* or *karviyā*.¹⁴³

The best among competent physicians prescribe it in conformity with the seat (of the disorder or the *doṣa*?).

It purifies the head from the corrupted *doṣa* and removes convulsive disorders.¹⁴⁴ When ingested or applied as an errhine it frees from *sūryāvarta*,¹⁴⁵ *ardhāvabhedaka*¹⁴⁶ and similar (diseases).¹⁴⁷

of *Asphodelus tenuifolius* Cav. [this is a valid name]. See on *kurrāth*, *Allium porrum* Linn.: Achundow 249–250 (476), Al-Kindi 323–324 (255), Schmucker 386–387 (624). Ainslie has no entry on *Allium porrum*.

¹⁴² Schlimmer 362–363: *Marrubium vulgare*, *farāsiyūn*, *gandanā-ye-kūhī*. Compare *falāsiyūn*. It may well be that *gandanā kohī* designates a *gandanā* growing in the mountains (*kūhī*).

¹⁴³ Compare Achundow 248 (472): *karawjâ*, *Carum carvi* [this is a valid name]. Ainslie: absent. Al-Biruni: 277 (7) and 286, n.13: *karuyā*, caraway, *Carum carvi* L.. Al-Kindi: absent. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa III, 2237: *karāviya*, the seeds of *Carum varvi*. Daljīt Siṁha 191–192: *karāviyā*, Arabic name of *Carum carvi* Linn. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 120: *karāwiyah*, *Carum carvi*. Schlimmer 112: *zirah siyā* is the Persian name of *Carum carvi*. Schmucker 387 (625): *karāwiyā'*, *Carum carvi* L. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, I, 92: *zeera siyah*, *karoya*, Arabic names of *Carum carvi* Linn.

¹⁴⁴ In conformity with Daljīt Siṁha 91.

¹⁴⁵ This disease is described in the *Carakasamhitā*, *Siddhisthāna* 9.79–83. Cakrapāni comments that the pain in the head it brings about increases by the heat of the sun and not by other forms of heat. It is interpreted as a kind of neuralgia in the translation of the Gulabkunverba team.

¹⁴⁶ This disease is described in the *Carakasamhitā*, *Siddhisthāna* 9.74–78. It is commonly interpreted as hemicrania or migraine. See also Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa I, 636–642: *ardhāvabhedaka*, *śakīkah*, hemicrania, migraine.

¹⁴⁷ See on other members of this group of diseases of the head: *Carakasamhitā*, *Siddhisthāna* 9.71–73 (*śānikhaka*), 9.84–86ab (*anantavāta*), and 9.86cd–87 (*śiraḥkampa*).

commentary:

duṣṭah prakupito doṣah. khilta fāsidagalīja apasmārah. saraya sudura davvāra-daurānasara – sūryāvartādayah śirovyādhayah. mujira śuśa-doṣa-kṛt phupphusasyety arthah.

A corrupted *doṣa* is an excited one; (this is called) *khilta fāsidagalīja* (in Persian).¹⁴⁸ *saraya sudura davvāradaurānasara*¹⁴⁹ designates diseases of the head like *sūryāvarta* and similar ones. *mujira śuśa* means that it brings about a disorder of the *shush*, i.e., the lungs.

¹⁴⁸ Persian *khilt fāsid* corresponds to Sanskrit *duṣṭadoṣa*; *galīja* may be *ghalīd*, a Persian word for gross and foul or dirty, thus laying stress on *duṣṭa*. Compare the commentary ad 2.2.647–648: *akhalāta fāsida rā pākasājada*, i.e., it purifies corrupted *doṣas*. See also the commentary ad 2.2.88–90: *muhallila akhalāta fāsida* (is in Sanskrit) *duṣṭadoṣavaiṣamyajit*, i.e. overcoming an imbalance of corrupted *doṣas*; commentary ad 2.2.686a–d: *kuvvat munakkī akhalāta fāsida mulattifa* (is in Sanskrit) *duṣṭadoṣasamśodhanī*, i.e., purifying corrupted *doṣas*.

¹⁴⁹ The punctuation of the edition is not correct; read: *apasmārah saraya*. The Persian term *saraya*, i.e., *śar'*, (is the equivalent of Sanskrit) *apasmārah*, i.e., epilepsy and other convulsive disorders (compare the comments ad 2.2.1071–1075: *saraya* is *apasmṛtiḥ*). Persian *dawwār* means turning round, rotating. Persian *śadr* designates the highest part of anything, chief, principal. Persian *daurān-e-sar* is swimming in the head.

*aspagola*¹⁵⁰ *vejarakatūnāḥ*¹⁵¹ *sesāyūsa*¹⁵² *ajakharah*¹⁵³ *īsavagola*¹⁵⁴

2.2.65–69:

himas triguṇitah snigdho dviguṇaś coṣmanāśanah /
hanyāt tat sāndrapāṇīyam trṣṇām vāntim virecanam //
gandūṣo mukhaśoṣaghno mukhapākan hared dhruvam /
sadvidyeva mukhastambham śrīguror anukampayā //

¹⁵⁰ See Daljīt Siṁha 75–77; he gives *aspagola* as the Persian name of the drug and adds to it: *śikamadarīda* (*śikam* is a Persian word for belly) and *asparz* (*uspurz* is a Persian word for spleen). *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.9: *aspagola* is the Persian, *bajarkatūnā* the Arabic name. Achundow (348) mentions *bazr-qatūnā* and Asperze as names of *semen psyllii*, the same as the seeds of *Plantago ovata* [valid name: *Plantago ovata* Forssk.]. Ainslie II, 116–117: *ispaghūl*, *Plantago ispaghula* (Flem.) [valid name: *Plantago ovata* Forssk. = *Plantago ispaghul* Roxb.]. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa II, 1407–1415: *isabgol*, *Plantago ispaghula* Roxb., *Plantago ovata* Forsk. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 524–525: *bidhr qatūnā*, *Plantago psyllium*. Hamdard 411–412: *ispagol*, the Persian name of the seeds of *Plantago ovata* Forsk. Schlimmer (462) mentions the Persian name *asfarzah* for *Plantago psyllium* [valid name: *Plantago arenaria* Waldt. et Kit. = *Plantago psyllium* Linn.]. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, II, 13: *aspaghōl* consists of the mature, dried seeds of *Plantago ovata* Forssk., Arabic name *bazr qatuna*, Persian name *aspaghōl*. Compare Dymock et al. III, 126–127: *isbaghol*; Flückiger and Hanbury 440–441 (*semen ispaghulæ*).

¹⁵¹ Compare Achundow 348 and Schlimmer 462: *bazr-e-qatūnā*, *Plantago psyllium*. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa II, 1407: *bazr-e-qatūnā*, *asfarjah*.

¹⁵² This word has remained unintelligible.

¹⁵³ This word has remained unintelligible.

¹⁵⁴ Daljīt Siṁha (75) gives *isavagola* and *isaragola* as its Hindī names. The Sanskrit names he records are: *īṣadgola*, *snigdhajīraka* and *aśvakarṇabīja*. The plant name *snigdhajīraka* is very rare; it is found in the *Mahaśadhanīghaṇṭu* 6.10 and in the *Vanauṣadhi-candrodaya* 1, 150 as a synonym of *īṣadgola*. The Sanskrit plant name *aśvakarṇa* is rarely applied to a *Plantago* species, but more often to *Dipterocarpus alatus* Roxb. [valid name: *Dipterocarpus alatus* Roxb. ex G.Don], *Dipterocarpus turbinatus* Gaertn. [valid name: *Dipterocarpus turbinatus* C.F.Gaertn.], *Shorea robusta* Gaertn. [valid name: *Shorea robusta* C.F.Gaertn.], *Vateria indica* Linn. [this is a valid name] and some more trees (see Thakur Balwant Singh and K.C. Chunekar and other sources). Singh and Chunekar remark that the drug is absent from the old *nighaṇṭus* and used for the first time in the *jvarātiśāra* chapter of Moreśvara's *Vaidyāmrta* (1.22: *isabagola*). The Sanskrit names of this drug vary considerably. Another author to identify *aśvakarṇabīja* as the seeds of *Plantago ovata* is Yādavaśarman in his *Dravyaguṇavijñāna* (II, 307, no. 257).

*kustumburusvarasabhāvayaitat ambhaḥsiddham̄ vidhāya
vanitoṣṇasamīraroge /
tat klinnatūlam atanor bhavane nidadhyān nairujyam āśu labhate
gaditam bhiṣagbhiḥ //
naro ‘py etasya sāndrāmbhonihitā asvasthamehanaḥ /
uṣṇavātaṁ jayen makṣum satyam siddhavaco yathā //
dirama dvitayam vā ‘pi trayam mātrā ’śane smṛtā /
katīrā darpahārī ca badala praticakṣate //*

It is cold to the third degree, moist to the second degree,¹⁵⁵ and it annihilates heat.¹⁵⁶ It drives away *sāndrapāṇīya*,¹⁵⁷ abnormal thirst,¹⁵⁸ vomiting and loose stools.¹⁵⁹

In a mouthwash (*gandūṣa*) it cures dryness of the mouth and it will certainly do so with respect to inflammation of the oral cavity,¹⁶⁰ and also, as (sure as) true knowledge (*sadvidyā*), with respect to *mukhastambha*,¹⁶¹ due to the compassion of Śrīguru.

¹⁵⁵ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.9: idem. Achundow 216: it is cold and dry. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa II, 1410: cold to the first and moist to the second degree; cold and moist to the second degree according to another opinion, or cold to the third degree and somewhat moist. Daljīt Siṁha 76: cold and moist to the third degree or, according to another opinion, cold to the third and moist to the second degree. *Śāligrāmanighaṇṭubhūṣaya*, p.1218–1219: it is cold. Yādavaśarman (307): cold and moist to the second degree in Yūnānī.

¹⁵⁶ Supported by the Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (II, 1411). Yādavaśarman (307): *uṣṇaśvaya-thuvilayana* in Yūnānī.

¹⁵⁷ This term designates a condition in which viscid water, i.e., purulent urine, is present. This is probably gonorrhoea.

¹⁵⁸ Confirmed by the *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.9). Yādavaśarman: *trṣāhara* in Yūnānī. In conformity with the Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (II, 1411).

¹⁵⁹ Achundow 216: (Die Quitte) hält den Leib an, wenn sie auf nüchternen Magen gegessen wird. The actions are according to the Unani Pharmacopoeia (I, II, 28): *mulattif* (attenuant), *musakkīn-e-harārat* (allaying fever, *harārat*), *daf-e-sual har* (removing the fever of bronchitis), *daf-e-nazla* (removing catarrh). *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.9: it alleviates the fever of the summer season (*garmīkā jyar śaman kartā*).

¹⁶⁰ Confirmed by the *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.9): *iskī kullī mukha pāk gun kārak hai*, a gargle containing it is beneficial in an inflammation of the oral cavity.

¹⁶¹ This is not a distinct āyurvedic disease, but a symptom, some form of rigidity or insensibility of the face or mouth.

The physicians declare that it quickly brings about a healthy state in females (suffering from) *uṣṇavāta*¹⁶² when it, as a decoction prepared by steeping (the drug) in the fresh juice of *kustumburu*¹⁶³ and filtered through a piece of wet cloth, is placed in the residence of Kāma.¹⁶⁴

A male too, with an unhealthy member, will quickly (and) certainly overcome, when it is put into its viscid water, *uṣṇavāta*, as sacred words (would do).

commentary:

sāndrāmbhah lvāba. uṣṇavātah sojāka.

*sāndrāmbhas*¹⁶⁵ is mucus.¹⁶⁶ *uṣṇavāta* is *sojāka*.¹⁶⁷

¹⁶² In agreement with the Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (II, 1410): *uṣṇavātanāśaka*.

¹⁶³ Described at 2.2.937–941. Coriander, *Coriandrum sativum* Linn. [this is a valid name]. *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.140: Sanskrit name *dhānyaka*, Persian name *kaśnīj*, Arabic name *kazburah*. Achundow 248–249 (474): *kuzbara*, *Coriandrum sativum*. Ainslie I, 91–92: *kishnīz*, the Persian name of *Coriandrum sativum* (Lin.). Al-Biruni 278–279: *kuzbarah* and 287, n.40: *Coriandrum sativum* L. Al-Kindi 326–327 (263): Arabic name *kuzbarah*, *Coriandrum sativum* L. Daljīt Simha 399–400: Arabic name *kazburah*, Persian name *kaśnīz*. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 194: *kuzbarah*, *Coriandrum sativum*. Hand Book 274–280: *kazbura*. Schlimmer 157–158: Arabic name *kuzbarah*, Persian name *gishnīz*. Schmucker 396–397: *kuzbarah*, *Coriandrum sativum* L. The Unani Pharmacopoeia (I, I, 56) records *kazbra yabisa* as the Arabic, *kishneez* as the Persian name of *Coriandrum sativum* Linn. Coriander is well known in āyurveda as *kustumburu* or *dhānyaka*. Compare on coriander: Flückiger and Hanbury 293–295.

¹⁶⁴ I.e., in the vagina.

¹⁶⁵ This Sanskrit term means viscous water.

¹⁶⁶ The Persian equivalent of *sāndrāmbhas* is *lu'āb*, mucus.

¹⁶⁷ Both terms, rather frequent in the *Hikmatprakāśa*, denote gonorrhoea. See, for example, G. Jan Meulenbeld (2000), II B, 392, n.403.

2.2.69:

The dose on ingestion is said to be two or three *dirham*.

The corrective is *katīrā*.¹⁶⁸ Substitutes are also mentioned.¹⁶⁹

commentary:

safarjal mārūfa bihīdānā yā tukhmalisānulhamal yā vajarulmūrva darata-varīda yāne virecanausadhoşmanışkarşane dara taratīva yāne bheşajoşmasambhūtaşoşanibarhañe ārdradhānyākam kaşanīja tara sīrā svarasah.

safarjal, which is well known, i.e., the seeds of *bihī*, or *lisān-ul-hamal*, or the seeds of *mūrva*.¹⁷⁰ ...¹⁷¹ i.e., in arranging¹⁷² the removal of the heat (generated) by purgative drugs, i.e., in the suppression of the heat caused by drugs, fresh coriander, *kaşanīj*, or the expressed juice of fresh *sīrā*.¹⁷³

¹⁶⁸ The Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (II, 1410) mentions purified honey or honey prepared with *sikanjabīn*.

¹⁶⁹ The half-verse 69cd cannot possibly mean that *katīrā* is both a corrective and a substitute. Hence my translation. Substitutes are not mentioned by name, but appear in the commentary.

¹⁷⁰ A plant called *mūrva* is absent from Āyurvedic literature; *mūrvā*, on the other hand, is very frequent. The sources consulted on Yūnānī do not mention *mūrva*. The substitutes mentioned in the Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (II, 1410) are: seeds of *alasī*, seeds of *kanaucā* (see Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa III, 2068–2069: *Salvia Spinosa* [valid name: *Salvia spinosa* Linn.], *Phyllanthus maderas patensis* Linn., Wight [the valid name is probably *Phyllanthus maderaspatensis* Linn.]; two other species have to be taken into consideration: *Phyllanthus tenellus* Roxb. var. *arabicus* Müll.Arg. = *Phyllanthus maderaspatensis* Forssk., nom. illeg. and *Phyllanthus nummulariifolius* Poir. subsp. *nummulariifolius* = *Phyllanthus maderaspatensis* Baill., nom. illeg.), *bihī*, *bārataṅga*, or *khurfā*. The last plant of this series, *khurfā*, may be the same as Persian *khurfah*, *Portulaca oleracea* Linn. See on it: *Abhinavanighantu*, p.61–62; Daljīt Simhā 195–197; Yādavaśarman 99–100: *Portulaca oleracea*, Persian name *khurfā*, Sanskrit name *bṛhalloṇikā*. See on *bṛhalloṇikā*, *Portulaca oleracea* Linn.: *Kaiyadevanighaṇṭu*, *oṣadhivarga* 648. See on *Portulaca oleracea* Linn.: Dymock et al. I, 158–159. The *Siddhabhaiṣajyamañjūṣā* (*rājayakṣman* 29) prescribes *Portulaca oleracea*, calling it *kulaphā*. The Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine (530) gives *rijlah* as the Arabic name of *Portulaca oleracea*.

¹⁷¹ The meaning of *daratavarīda* has remained unclear.

¹⁷² This meaning of *dara taratīva* is not certain; *tartīb* can mean: arrangement, order.

¹⁷³ The meaning of this word has still to be determined.

āmalaja¹⁷⁴ āmalaya.¹⁷⁵ āmalakam.¹⁷⁶ āmvalā¹⁷⁷

2.2.106:

*snigdham sītam dviguṇitam rūkṣam cāpi matāntare /
plīhno vikārakāritvād rūkṣam snigdham tṛṣāpaham //*

It is moist and cold to the second degree, (but) dry according to another opinion.¹⁷⁸

It is dry because it brings about morbid alterations of the spleen; being moist, it drives away thirst.

commentary:

śaktih kābija mujaśfika mukavvī dimāg mādā mufarraha dil musaliha saudā safarā khūb syāhīsurkhīmāyala raṅgaśyāmaśoṇamīśritavarṇam.

¹⁷⁴This (āmlaj) is the Arabic name. Achundow (146: 12): *amladsch*, *Emblica officinalis* [valid name: *Phyllanthus emblica* Linn. = *Emblica officinalis* Gaertn.] and 338 (10): *amladsch*, *Phyllanthus Emblica* Gärtn.s. *Emblica officinalis*. Daljīt Simhā (56). Compare Ainslie I, 239–241: *amlā*, the Persian name of *Phyllanthus emblica* (Lin.), and II, 244–245: *wardi amlaj*, the flowers of *Phyllanthus emblica* (Lin.). Al-Biruni II, 75: *amlaj*, *Phyllanthus emblica* Willd.; II, 42 (90): Arabic name *amlaj*, Persian name *āmlah*, and 64, n.261: *Emblica officinalis* Gaertn., syn. *Phyllanthus emblica* L. Al-Kindi 235 (22), who gives *amlaj* as the Arabic name of *Phyllanthus emblica* L. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa I, 450: *amlā* and II, 1255–1269: *āñvalā*, *Phyllanthus emblica* Linn. Hamdard 383–384: *amlaj* is the Arabic, *amala* the Persian name of *Emblica officinalis* Gaertn. Schlimmer 394: Persian name *āmlā*. Schmucker 89 (67): *amlaj*. Hamdard 383–384: *amlaj* is the Arabic, *amala* the Persian name of *Emblica officinalis* Gaertn. Hand Book: absent.

¹⁷⁵Unani Pharmacopoeia I, I, 5–6: *Emblica officinalis* Gaertn. = *Phyllanthus emblica* Linn.: *amlaj* (Arabic), *amla* (Persian).

¹⁷⁶This is the Sanskrit name. Generally identified as *Phyllanthus emblica* Linn. = *Emblica officinalis* Gaertn. See on this plant: Dymock et al. III, 261–264.

¹⁷⁷This is the Hindī name.

¹⁷⁸Achundow (146: 12) regards it as cold and dry to the first degree. The Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (II, 1259) describes it as cold to the first degree and dry to the second degree; according to others it is cold to the second and dry to the beginning of the third degree. Daljīt Simhā (57) describes it as cold to the first degree (to the second degree according to others) and dry to the second degree (to the third degree according to another opinion). *Carakasamhitā*, *Sūstrasthāna* 27.147cd–148ab: dry. The *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* (1.216) describes it as cold (*hima*), the *Rājanighaṇṭu* (11.327) as cold (*sīśira*).

The actions are constipating (*kābij*),¹⁷⁹ *mujaśfik*,¹⁸⁰ tonic (*mukavvī*) with respect to the brain (*dimāg*)¹⁸¹ and the stomach (*ma'ida*), exhilarating (*mufarrah*)¹⁸² with respect to the heart (*dil*), and corrective (*muslih*) with respect to black and yellow bile,¹⁸³ and relieving/sedative (*musakkin*), very (*khūb*) black (*syāhī*) and reddish (*surk̄hīmā'il*), (i.e.,) of a dark colour mixed with crimson.¹⁸⁴

2.2.107:

*bāgī udyanasambhūtam kṣutkṛd unnamitāśanam /
cakṣuṣyām si 3 diram mātrā medhyām kṣaudram tu darpahṛt //*

The *bāgī* type that grows in gardens makes hungry and increases the quantity of food ingested.

It is beneficial to the eyes¹⁸⁵ and to the intelligence (*medhā*) in a dose of three *dirham*. *kṣaudra* honey is its corrective.

commentary:

*bavāśīra durnāmārśahparyāyau. medhāyai hitām medhyām pāvanam
jihan-medhāparyāyah. badal sīdal sīrā āmalaja.*

bavāśīr is another name of *durnāman* or *arśas* (haemorrhoids).¹⁸⁶ It is beneficial to the mental faculties, i.e., it is *medhya* and purifying. *jihan* is a synonym of *medhā*.

¹⁷⁹ Arabic *qābid*. See Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa IV, 40: *qabiḍ*, astringent, the same as Sanskrit *samgrāhin*. The Unani Pharmacopoeia agrees. The *Carakasamhitā* (*Sūtrasthāna* 4.13) regards it as a drug helpful in purgation (*virecanopaga*). The *Rājanighaṇṭu* (11.328) refers to an opinion according to which it alleviates constipation (*vibandha*).

¹⁸⁰ The spelling of this unintelligible term is probably wrong.

¹⁸¹ The Unani Pharmacopoeia agrees.

¹⁸² Steingass: *mufarrih*, exhilarating. Hand Book 254: *mufarrih* = exhilarant.

¹⁸³ The Unani Pharmacopoeia adds: tonic (*mukavvī*) with respect to the heart (*galb*). Compare Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa II, 1260: gives strength to the heart (*hrdaya ko śaktipradān kartā hai*). The *Rājanighaṇṭu* refers to an opinion that regards it as counteracting the heat of *pitta*. *Carakasamhitā*, *Sūtrasthāna* 27.147cd–148ab: *kaphapittahara*.

¹⁸⁴ The reading of the text may be incorrect. I emend to: *-māyalaraṅgam*. The colour names are given twice, in Persian and in Sanskrit.

¹⁸⁵ Daljīt Simḥa (57–58) agrees.

¹⁸⁶ See on haemorrhoids and their treatment in Islamic medicine: Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 335. See on haemorrhoids in āyurveda: *Mādhavanidāna* 5.

Substitutes are *sīdal*¹⁸⁷ and *sīrā āmalaj*.¹⁸⁸

*ambā.*¹⁸⁹ *najaka.*¹⁹⁰ *āmraphalam.*¹⁹¹

2.2.119–120:

apakvam amlam śīśiram ca rūkṣam guṇadvayam grāhi tr̄śoṣmanāśanam / susvādu pakvam dvigunam tathoṣnam guṇatrayam snigdhatamam sukāntidam // puṣṭipradam koṣṭhamṛdutvakārakam pittāvirodhī prathitam balāsakrt / damāgarā kuvvata dāhahṛc chiśiro balapradam musliha sīrakandat //

No commentary.

The unripe (fruit) is sour¹⁹² and cold; it is dry to the second degree,¹⁹³

¹⁸⁷ Unidentified.

¹⁸⁸ This is an error for *sīr amlaj*, finding its origin in the confusion of *sīr*, the Persian word for milk, and *sīr*, an Indian word according to some sources. See on this subject: Achundow 146 (12). Al-Biruni (42) regards *sīr* not as an error and explains it as a synonym of *śāh*. See on *sīr āmlā*: Daljīt Simḥa 57. The Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (II, 1259) mentions as a substitute a mixture of equal parts of *kābulī har*, myrobalans from Kābul, *āmle kā ras*, and *bhunā huā halelā syāh*, parched black myrobalans. See on *harar kābilī*: *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.255, on *harar syāh*, black myrobalans: *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.256.

¹⁸⁹ Achundow: absent. Ainslie: absent. Al-Biruni II, 77: *anbaj*, *Mangifera indica* Linn. [this is the valid name]; I, 46 (101): *ambaj* and 65 (293): mango, *Mangifera indica* L. Al-Kindi: absent. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa II, 1010–1027: *ām*, *āmba*, *Mangifera Indica* Linn. Daljīt Simḥa 55–56: *amb*. Hamdard 400–402: *Mangifera indica* Linn. is called *ambaj* in Arabic, *amba* in Persian. Hand Book: absent. Schlimmer 357: *anbah*. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, IV, 3: *anbaj* (Arabic), *anbah* (Persian).

¹⁹⁰ Unidentified. Hamdard 400–401: one of the Persian names of *Mangifera indica* is *naghzak*.

¹⁹¹ The Sanskrit name of the mango, the fruit of *Mangifera indica* Linn. See Dymock et al. I, 381–385.

¹⁹² Confirmed by *Dhanvantariyanighaṇṭu* (5.4), *Rājanighaṇṭu* (11.5), and *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* (6).

¹⁹³ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.18: cold and dry to the first degree. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, IV, 4: cold and dry. The *Dhanvantariyanighaṇṭu* (5.4) regards the young fruit as sour and dry. The *Rājanighaṇṭu* describes it as sour. *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* (6): *bālāmra* is hot and dry.

constrictive,¹⁹⁴ and removes thirst and heat.

When ripe it is very sweet to the second degree and hot¹⁹⁵ to the third degree; it is excessively moist¹⁹⁶ and bestows beauty.¹⁹⁷

It brings about a well-nourished appearance¹⁹⁸ and a soft state of the bowels.¹⁹⁹ It is known as neutral with regard to bile²⁰⁰ and excites phlegm.²⁰¹

It strengthens the brain, removes a burning feeling,²⁰² is cold, gives strength,

¹⁹⁴ *Nighanturatnākara* (6): *bālāmra* is *grāhin*.

¹⁹⁵ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.18: the ripe fruit is hot and dry. *Daljīt Simha* 55: hot (*uṣṇa*).

Suśrutasamhitā Sūtrasthāna 46.139–140: sour and hot. *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* 5.5: sweet with an astringent after-taste. *Nighanturatnākara* (7): *madhura, kiṃcid amlah*; ripe *uttamāmra* is hot.

¹⁹⁶ *Daljīt Simha* 55: *snigdha*. *Nighanturatnākara* (7): ripe *uttamāmra* is moist.

¹⁹⁷ *Nighanturatnākara* (7): *pakvāmra* is *kāntikara*; ripe *uttamāmra* is *kāntida*.

¹⁹⁸ Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (II, 1015): a ripe mango gives strength (*balakāraka*), is roborant (*bṛṃhaṇa*) and bestows a fine complexion (it is *varṇya*). *Daljīt Simha* 55: *bṛṃhaṇa*, i.e., roborant. *Carakasamhitā, Sūtrasthāna* 27.139: *balaprada*. *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* 5.5–6: *varṇakara, balaprada, bṛṃhaṇa*. *Rājanighaṇṭu* (11.5): *datte dhātupracayam*, i.e., it bestows an accumulation of the *dhātus*, *kāntikārin*, i.e., it bestows beauty. *Carakasamhitā, Sūtrasthāna* 139: *māṃsaprada*. *Nighanturatnākara* (7): the ripe fruit is *pauṣṭika, māṃsabalānāṃ vardhakah*; ripe *uttamāmra* is *balakara, dhātupuṣṭikara*. *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.18: the ripe fruit gives strength to *snāyu, prāṇa, ojas, vṛkka, basti, pakvāśaya*.

¹⁹⁹ Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (II, 1017): it is *mṛḍurecaka*. *Daljīt Simha* 55: *sara*, causing softness of the bowels (*koṣṭhamārdavakara*).

²⁰⁰ Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (II, 1015): a ripe mango does not excite *pitta* (it is *apittala*). *Suśrutasamhitā, Sūtrasthāna* 46.139–140: it is *pittala*. *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* 5.6: it restrains *pitta* (*pittāvarodhin*). *Rājanighaṇṭu* 11.5: the young fruit is *dōṣatritayaśamana*, the ripe fruit is, according to some, productive of *pitta, anila* and *kapha*. *Nighanturatnākara* (7): the ripe fruit is *pittahantar*, a ripe *uttamāmra* is *pittāpaha*.

²⁰¹ Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (II, 1015): it increases phlegm (*kapha baṛhānevālā hai*). *Suśrutasamhitā, Sūtrasthāna* 46.139–140: *kaphotkleśakara*. *Nighanturatnākara* (7): the ripe fruit is *kaphakāraka*; a ripe *uttamāmra* is *kaphaprada*. The *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* (5.8) disagrees in regarding the ripe fruit as subduing phlegm.

²⁰² *Nighanturatnākara* (7): the ripe fruit is *dāhaśamana*, and gives strength to the head; its action is corrective (*muslih*). Unani Pharmacopoeia I, IV, 4: its actions are: *naf-e-sozak* (i.e., *naf-e-sojāk*, beneficial to cases of gonorrhoea), *qabiz* (i.e., *qābid*, constipating), *habis* (i.e., *ḥābis*, confining/retaining) and *mudammil-e-qurooh* (*mudammil-e-qurūḥ*, cicatrizing with respect to ulcers); *mudammilkurūḥ* is explained in the commentary on 2.2.137 as *kṣatādīnām sandhigartādipūrakah*, i.e., filling up the gaps (by loss of

is corrective, and...

ahalelajah,²⁰³ *asfara*,²⁰⁴ *halapajardah*,²⁰⁵ *harītakī*²⁰⁶

2.2.121:

śaiśiryam ekaguṇitam raukṣyam cātra guṇadvayam /
śastā gurvī haridrābhā śivākhyā śivakāriṇī //

It is cold to the first degree,²⁰⁷ dry to the second degree.²⁰⁸
 Recommended are (fruits) that are heavy (*guru*)²⁰⁹ and that have the colour
 of *haridrā*;²¹⁰ they are called *śivā* because they²¹¹ give prosperity.

tissue), etc., in traumatic lesions, etc. See on *qarḥ*, ulcer, sore, the singular of *qurūḥ*: Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa III, 2296–2297.

²⁰³ Ainslie I, 237–239: Arabic name: *halīlaj kābulī*, Persian name: *halīlah kalān* (*kalān* is a Persian word for big), *Terminalia chebula* (Willd.) [valid name: *Terminalia chebula* Retz.] and II, 128–129. Al-Biruni II, 80: *baltīlaj*, *Terminalia belerica* Roxb. [valid name: *Terminalia bellirica* (Gaertn.) Roxb.], *Terminalia Chebula* L., or *Combretaceae terminalia* [this is not a valid name]; Al-Biruni II, 104: *halīlaj*, the fat, large Kābul embelic is considered superior in Afghanistan; the black is the best among Indian kinds. Al-Biruni I, 329–330 (16): *halīlaj* and 332 (21): *Terminalia chebula* Retz. Daljīt Simḥa 711–713: *Terminalia chebula* Retz.; Arabic name: *halailaj*. Al-Kindī 342 (314): *halīlaj*, probably *Terminalia chebula* Retz. or *Terminalia citrina* Roxb. [valid name: *Terminalia citrina* (Gaertn.) Roxb. ex Fleming]. Hand Book 130–136: *halelaj aswad*. Schmucker 522 (787): *Terminalia chebula* Retz. and *Terminalia citrina* Roxb. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, I, 32: *Terminalia chebula* Retz., Arabic name: *halelaj*, Persian name: *halelaj kābulī*. Wiedemann II, 120.

²⁰⁴ Schmucker 522: *halīlaj asfar* is *Terminalia citrina* Roxb.

²⁰⁵ Unidentified. Probably a Persian name for the yellow (*zard*) type.

²⁰⁶ This is one of its Sanskrit names, very frequent in āyurvedic texts. See on it: Dymock et al. I, 1–5. The variety from Kābul is mentioned in the *Siddhaprayogalatikā* (2.24) as *kābulī abhayā*.

²⁰⁷ Hand Book 134 agrees.

²⁰⁸ In agreement with Daljīt Simḥa 712 and Hand Book 134. The *Dhanvantariyanighaṇṭu* (1.207) describes it as dry, the *Rājanighaṇṭu* (11.309) as hot. It is hot and dry according to *Bhāvaprakāśanighaṇṭu*, *harītakyādivarga* 19.

²⁰⁹ In agreement with *Bhāvaprakāśanighaṇṭu*, *harītakyādivarga* 28.

²¹⁰ The rhizome of *Curcuma longa* Linn., which is yellow in colour.

²¹¹ *śivā* is one of the general names of *harītakī* in āyurveda; see *Bhāvaprakāśanighaṇṭu*,

commentary:

*śaktih musaliha safarā mukavvī dil mādā cūrṇe mātrā diram yā pañja 5
diram kaṣāye hafta 7 diram yā daha 10. darpaghnam kanda turamjavīṁ
āvagaram kvāthe unnāba sipistām pratnidihih postaanār.*

The actions are corrective (*muslih*) of the yellow bile,²¹² tonic (*mukavvī*) with respect to the heart (*dil*)²¹³ and stomach (*mi'da*),²¹⁴ *muqawwī-e-dimagh* (brain tonic),²¹⁵ *musakkin* (relieving/sedative), *musawwī-e-shar*.²¹⁶

The dose is one to five *dirham* in a powdered form or seven to ten *dirham* in a decoction.²¹⁷

Correctives²¹⁸ are *kanda*,²¹⁹ *turamjavīṁ*,²²⁰

harītakyādivarga 7, not one of its seven types (ibid. 8–10).

²¹² *Terminalia chebula* subdues all three *doṣas* according to āyurvedic treatises: *Dhanvantariyanighāṭu* 1.207.

²¹³ Āyurvedic texts agree: the *Dhanvantariyanighāṭu* (1.209) calls it *hrdyā*.

²¹⁴ The *Dhanvantariyanighāṭu* (1.209) has a related statement: *sāntarpaṇakṛīṭān rogān prāyo hanti*. The Hand Book (134) regards it as: *muqawwī-e-dimagh* (brain tonic), *musaffī-e-dam* (blood purifier) and *qabiḍ* (constipating). Unani Pharmacopoeia I, I, 32–33: *muqawwī-e-basar*, tonic for eyesight (*bāṣar*), which is in conformity with āyurveda: the *Dhanvantariyanighāṭu* (1.208) calls it *cakṣurhitā*.

²¹⁵ Āyurvedic sources are in conformity: it is *medhyā* according to the *Dhanvantariyanighāṭu* (1.208).

²¹⁶ This expression is not clear. *musawwī* with respect to the head (*shir*) (?) I did not find a suitable meaning of *musawwī*.

²¹⁷ Hand book 135: the dose is 9–12 gm. *āvagaram*, i.e., *āb-e-garm*, means hot water and is an equivalent of Sanskrit *kvātha*, decoction.

²¹⁸ Hand Book 135: correctives are honey and almond oil.

²¹⁹ This may be a form of sugar; see Daljīt Simḥa 236. Ainslie (II, 460) regards Arabic *qand* as the equivalent of Sanskrit *guḍa*, jaggery.

²²⁰ See on this substance, *turañjabīn*: *Abhinavanighāṭu*, p.128. Achundow 173 (91): *Tarandschubīn*, ros melleus, eine Zuckerart, and 355 (76), 3: *Terengebin* exsudirt aus einem Dornstrauch, Namens *Al-hadsch*, *Alhagi maurorum*, *A. manniferum* Desv. [this is a valid name] und *A. camelorum* Fischer. Al-Biruni II, 82: *turanjubīn*, manna lichen, *Lecanora esculenta* Eversm. Al-Kindi: absent. Schmucker: absent. Sheriff 37: Arabic and Persian *turanjabīn* = (manna of) *Alhagi maurorum* Tourn. [valid name: *Alhagi maurorum* Medik.]. Daljīt Simḥa 236: *turanjabīn* = *yavāsaśarkarā*. Hamdard 388–389: Urdu *turanjbin* designates *Hedysarum alhagi* Linn. [valid name: *Alhagi maurorum* Medik. = *Hedysarum alhagi* Linn.] E. Wiedemann II, 239. See on *yavāsa*: Daljīt Simḥa 334–336, identified as *Alhagi camelorum* Fisch. [valid name *Alhagi maurorum* Medik. = *Alhagi*

hot water,²²¹ *unnāb*, and *sipistām*²²²
The substitute is the rind of the pomegranate.²²³

2.2.122–123:

gulāba ghrṣṭānayanāñjitenā hanyāj jalasrāvam athoṣmaśoṇatām //
misakālamitā toye śṛtā pittabalāsayoh /
anulomanakartrīyam śīrakhīṣṭā yutā bhavet //

Crushed in rose water (*gulāb*)²²⁴ and applied as a collyrium to the eyes, it will annihilate a watery morbid flow (*jalasrāva*) from the eyes, as well as heat and redness.

In a dose of a *miskāl* and boiled in water it will regularize bile and phlegm when *śīrkhīṣṭ*²²⁵ is added.

camelorum Fisch.] and *Alhagi maurorum* Baker; Hamdard 388–389: *jawasa* is the Urdu name of *Hedysarum alhagi* Linn.

²²¹ *āb-e-garm*.

²²² Achundow 329–330 (17): reference to Schlimmer. Ainslie II, 466–467: *Cordia Myxa* [valid name: *Cordia myxa* Linn.], no Persian/Arabic names. Al-Kindi 279 (138): *sabastān*, *Cordia myxa* L. Daljīt Sīmha 616–617: *sapistām*, *Cordia obliqua* Willd. [this is a valid name]. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 193: *sabastān*, *Cordia sebestena* [valid name: *Cordia sebestena* Linn.]. Hamdard 376: *sapistan* is the Persian name of *Cordia latifolia* Roxb. [valid name: *Cordia obliqua* Willd. = *Cordia latifolia* Roxb.]. Maclean 802–803, s.v. *sebesten*: Persian mane *sapistān*, *Cordia* spp. Schlimmer 157: *sipistān*, fructus *Cordiae myxae*. Schmucker 227 (364): *sibistān*, fructus *Cordiae myxae* L. Unani Pharmacopoeia II, II, 263: *sapistan*, the dried fruits of *Cordia dichotoma* Forst.f. [valid name: *Cordia dichotoma* G.Forst. = *Cordia myxa* Roxb.], *Cordia latifolia* Roxb., *Cordia obliqua* Willd.

²²³ See on this medicinal substance: Flückiger and Hanbury 257–259.

²²⁴ See on rose water: 2.2.1026–1028.

²²⁵ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.233: Sanskrit name *yavāsaśarkarā*; this is the manna from *yavāsa*. Achundow 173 (91): *tarandschubīn*, 265 (510): ros melleus (species mannae), eine Zuckerart; seine Wirkung ist ähnlich der des Schīr-Chisht (einer andern Mannaspecies) and 272 (520): Manna. Manna; sie ähnelt dem Ros melleus den Eigenschaften nach, 355–358 (76): *tarandschubīn*, ros melleus, eine Manna-Art; Achundow describes eight types of manna and their sources, none of them being from a *Fraxinus* or *Cotoneaster* species; *Fraxinus ornus* [valid name: *Fraxinus ornus* Linn.], called Manna-Esche, is described under no. 510, as *lisān ul-'asāfir*; see on the latter: Achundow 400–401. Ainslie I, 208–213: manna, *tarinjabīn*; sources of various types of manna: *Hedysarum alhagi* [*Hedysarum alhagi* Linn. is an old name of *Alhagi maurorum* Medik.], *Fraxinus ornus*, *Fraxinus ro-*

commentary:
sītrakhiṣṭa daha diram.

The dose of *śīrkhīṣṭ* is ten *dirham*.

ahalela asvada²²⁶ halelaya śyāhajaṅgīharra²²⁷

2.2.124–126:

sīśīraikagunā rūkṣā dviguṇoṣṇā matāntare /
musahil ṣaktisaṃyuktā śatapuṣpārasāñjītā //
dṛṣṭiprasādajananī kṣuṇṇā saudā virecanī /
arśasāṁ dhvaṃsīnī lepān netrāmayavidāriṇī //

tundifolia [valid name: *Fraxinus angustifolia* Vahl subsp. *syriaca* (Boiss.) Yalt.], *Fraxinus excelsior* [valid name: *Fraxinus excelsior* Linn.], *Fraxinus parviflora* [this is not a valid name]. Al-Biruni 90 (15): *taranjubīn* and 99, n.30: identified as *Alhagi camalorem* (sic!) Fisch.. Al-Kindi: absent. Daljīt Siṁha 641–643: manna; plant sources mentioned: *Cotoneaster nummularius* Fisch. et C.A. Mey. [this is a valid name], *Fraxinus ornus* Linn., *Fraxinus angustifolia* Vahl subsp. *syriaca* (Boiss.) Yalt. = *Fraxinus rotundifolia* Mill. Hand Book: absent. Schlimmer 357–360: *taranjabīn*, manna from *Hedysarum al-hagi* and 358: *shīrḥīṣṭ*, manna from *Atraphaxis spinosa* [valid name: *Atraphaxis spinosa* Linn.]. Schmucker: absent. Wiedemann II, 239 (9): *tarangubīn* (Manna). See on types of manna and their sources: Flückiger and Hanbury 366–374, Schlimmer 357–360, E. Wiedemann II, 239. An āyurvedic treatise employing *śīrkhīṣṭ* under a related name is the *Siddhabhaiṣajyamañjūṣā* (*raktagutta* 13): *svādukhīṣṭā*, called *sīre khīṣṭā* in the commentary.

²²⁶ Achundow 145 (11): *ihlīladsch*, Myrobalane; die dritte Art ist die schwarze Myrobalane, von welcher man noch zwei Sorten unterscheidet: die eine besitzt Samen, die andere nicht. Ainslie I, 237–239: the black myrobalan is the unripe, dried fruit of *Terminalia Chebula* (Willd.). Al-Biruni 329 (16): *halīlaj* and 332 (21): *Terminalia chebula* Retz. Al-Kindi 342: *halīlaj*, *Terminalia chebula* Retz or *Terminalia citrina* Roxb.; sometimes called *ahlīlaj aswad* in Arabic. Daljīt Siṁha 711–714: *ihlailaj* or *halailaj* in Arabic, *Terminalia chebula* Retz. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 480: *ihlailaj*, myrobalan. Hand Book 130: *halelaj aswad* is *Terminalia chebula* Retz. Schlimmer 394: *halīlah*, *myrobalani chebulae*. Schmucker (522) regards *halīlaj aswad* as the unripe fruits. See on myrobalans: Hobson-Jobson 607–610. See on myrobalans in the Muslim world: E. Wiedemann 679–680; II, 14–15, 120.

²²⁷ The Sanskrit name of this important āyurvedic drug is *harītakī*. One of its Hindī names is *harrā*.

*darpaghnaṁ kṣaudram uddiṣṭam halelah kāvalī badal /
guṇaiḥ śyāmā śivāyās tu sadṛśt sāpi sambhavet //*

It is cold to the first degree and dry to the second degree,²²⁸ but hot according to another opinion.

It is provided with the action agogue (*mushil*)²²⁹ when besmeared with the juice of *śatapuṣpā*²³⁰ and will then bring about clarity of vision; when crushed it will drive out black bile.

As an ointment it will annihilate haemorrhoids and destroy eye diseases.²³¹ Honey is taught to be a corrective²³² and *halela kāvalī*²³³ is its substitute.

commentary:

sā kāvalī nāmnī

It is called *kāvalī*.

²²⁸ Achundow 145 (11): die dritte Art ist die schwarze Myrobalane; ihre Kraft nähert sich der aus Kabul und ihre Wirkung ebenfalls; nur wirkt sie auf die schwarze Galle stärker; die zweite Art ist *Halla-i Kabul* = Myrobalane aus Kabul: sie ist kalt und trocken in der Mitte des zweiten Grades; sie besitzt ebenfalls eine gewisse Menge von Hitze. Hand Book 124 agrees with the text. *Kaiyadevanighaṇṭu, oṣadhibhārga* 223: hot and dry.

²²⁹ Achundow 145 (11): die Myrobalane aus Kabul führt die schwarze Galle und den Schleim ab; sie fürt auch die gelbe Galle ab, aber bedeutend schwächer als die andere (die gelbe Myrobalane). Its actions are according to the Hand Book (134): *muqawwi-e-dimagh* (brain tonic), *musaffi-e-dam* (blood purifier), and *qabiz* (astringent).

²³⁰ Achundow 223 (341): *schibit*, *Anethum graveolens* [valid name: *Anethum graveolens* Linn.]. Ainslie I, 109–110: *buzralshibbit*, *Anethum Graveolens* (Lin.); *śatapuṣpā* is not mentioned as one of its Sanskrit names. Al-Biruni II, 88: *hazā'*, *shibbith*, *Anethum graveolens* L. or *Selinum anethum* Roth; II, 348 (12): Arabic name *shibthth* and 369, n.34: dill, *Anethum sowa* Kurz [this is a synonym of *Anethum graveolens* Linn.], synonym: *Peucedanum graveolens* Benth. [valid name: *Anethum graveolens* Linn. = *Peucedanum graveolens* (Linn.) Hiern]. Al-Kindi 292 (166): *Anethum graveolens* L., dill, Arabic name *shabath*. Daljīt Simḥa 703–705: Arabic name *śibitta*, *śibbita*, *Anethum graveolens* Linn. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 57: *shabat*, *Anethum graveolens*. Schlimmer 40–41: *Anethum graveolens*, *shibith*. Schmucker 261–262 (420): *shibitt*, *shibithth*. Compare on *Anethum graveolens*: Flückiger and Hanbury 291–293.

²³¹ Compare on the actions: *Kaiyadevanighaṇṭu, oṣadhibhārga* 223–234.

²³² Hand Book 135 agrees.

²³³ The *kābulī* variety will be meant. Hand Book 134: *halela kabuli* is its substitute.

2.2.126:

ataḥ pṛthak kathā nāsyāḥ kathitā tu vipaścitā //

The wise man has not told a separate story about it.

aphayūna²³⁴ tiryāka²³⁵ ahiphenah²³⁶ aphīm²³⁷

2.2.134–136:

*śītaś caturguṇo rūkṣas triguṇo viśasamnibhah /
śaktih mukhardira proktā muskin aujāya eva ca //
mātrā adasasamkāśād dviguṇā paramā bhavet //
kukkuṭāṇḍadravair lepāt piṣṭam kuṣṭhaghnam īritam //*

It is cold to the fourth degree²³⁸ and dry to the third degree;²³⁹ it resembles poison.

²³⁴ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.9: Sanskrit name *āphūka*, Persian name *afyūn*, Arabic name *luban-ul-khaśkhāš*. Achundow 155–156 (49): *afjūn* and 195 (173). Ainslie I, 271–277: Arabic name *afyūn*. Al-Biruni II, 56: *khashkhāsh*, *Papaver somniferum* [valid name: *Papaver somniferum* Linn.], II, 36–37 (76): *afyūn* and 63, n.240: *Papaver somniferum* L. Al-Kindi: prescribed several times, not described. Daljīt Simḥa 460–465: Arabic name *afyūn*. Hamdard 408–410: *afiyun* is the Persian name for opium. Schlimmer 414: *tiryāk*, *afyūn*. Schmucker p.83 (60). See also on opium: R.N. Chopra et al. (1984), 172–183; Dymock et al. I, 73–108; Flückiger and Hanbury 40–60; Maclean 36–37 (s.v. *aphainam*). See on opium in the Muslim world: Al-Biruni I, 36–37; E. Wiedemann II, 106, 115.

²³⁵ Daljīt Simḥa 360: Persian name *tiryāk*. Not to be confounded with *tiryāq* (see Al-Biruni II, 81–82 and I, 87–88 (4)). Flückiger and Hanbury 46: the strongest opium is called in Persia *teriak-e-arabistani*.

²³⁶ This is one of the common Sanskrit names for opium.

²³⁷ This is the Hindī name.

²³⁸ Achundow 155: cold to the third degree.

²³⁹ Achundow (155) agrees. *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.9: cold and dry to the fourth degree.

Its actions are narcotic (*mukhardir*),²⁴⁰ allaying (*muskin*)²⁴¹ and *aujāya*.²⁴² The highest dose is twice that of an *adasa*.²⁴³ Crushed with the fluid contents from a hen's egg it is said to cure *kuṣṭha*²⁴⁴ (when used) as an ointment.

commentary:

adasa masūrah. darpaghñāni tavakṣīrājye filfilena yāne kanoṣane dāracīnī śikañjavīṁ bairulkarapsa yāne ajamoda jundavedustaratriguṇito vajarulbañja yāne pratinidhiḥ. ajavāyana khurāsānī. rogan vanafasā rogan bādāma. dvayor ekatareṇa sammiśritāhiphenah karṇanikṣipto 'tivedanāpahāḥ syāt.

An *adasa* is a *masūra*.²⁴⁵

Correctives are *tavakṣīra*²⁴⁶ and ghee with *filfila*,²⁴⁷ or *kanā*,²⁴⁸ *uṣanā*,

²⁴⁰ Correct term: *mukhaddir*. *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.9: *nindrā utpanna kartā*, it is soporific. The *Rājanighaṇṭu* (6.191) calls it *mohada*, causing mental confusion.

²⁴¹ Confirmed by the *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.9: *sampūrṇa pīḍāonko śāntiprada*. The Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine interprets *muskin* as anodyne.

²⁴² The meaning of this term is not clear.

²⁴³ Achundow 155: one *misikal* (6 gm).

²⁴⁴ See on *kuṣṭha* in āyurveda: *Mādhavanidāna* 49.

²⁴⁵ Schmucker 479 (p.296). The Arabic name of a lentil, *Lens esculenta* Linn., is 'adas, its Sanskrit name is *masūra*.

²⁴⁶ See 2.2.751–756.

²⁴⁷ Achundow 239 (422): *fulful*, *Piper nigrum* [valid name: *Piper nigrum* Linn.]. Ainslie I, 302–305: *filfil aswad* is the Arabic, *filfil siyā* the Persian name of *Piper nigrum* (Lin.); I, 308–310: *dār filfil* is the Arabic name, *filfil darāz* the Persian name of *Piper longum* (Lin.). Al-Biruni 253–254 (34): *filfil* and 260, n.56: *Piper longum* L. [valid name: *Piper longum* Linn.]. Hand Book 92–100. Al-Kindi 266–267 (97): *dār filfil*, long pepper, *Piper longum* L. and 311–312 (221): *filfil*, pepper, *Piper nigrum* L. Schlimmer 460: *filfil siyā*, *Piper nigrum*. Schmucker 320 (538): *filfil aswad*, *Piper nigrum* L. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, IV, 38: *Piper nigrum*, Arabic name: *filfil aswad*, Persian name: *filfil siyah*. See on pepper in the Muslim world: E. Wiedemann II, 12–13, 378–379, 396. Compare on *Piper nigrum*: Flückiger and Hanbury 519–524, on *Piper longum*: 524–526.

²⁴⁸ In āyurvedic treatises *kanā* is a synonym of *pippalī*, *Piper longum* Linn..

dāracīnī,²⁴⁹ *śikañjavīm*,²⁵⁰ *bajrulkarapsa*,²⁵¹ *ajamoda*,²⁵²
three times the amount of *jundavedustara*,²⁵³

²⁴⁹ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.134. Achundow 205 (253): *dār-sīnī*, *Laurus Cinnamomum*, Zimt. Ainslie 58–60: *dārcīnī*, *Laurus Cassia* (Lin.) [valid name: *Neolitsea cassia* (Linn.) Kos-term. = *Laurus cassia* Linn.] and I, 72–74: Persian *dārcīnī* and Arabic *dārṣīnī*, *Laurus Cinnamomum* (Lin.) [valid name: *Cinnamomum verum* J.Presl], cinnamon. Al-Biruni II, 92–93: *dār śīnī*, *Cinnamomum cassia* Blume [valid name: *Cinnamomum aromaticum* Nees = *Cinnamomum cassia* Blume] or *Cinnamomum ceylanicum* Nees [valid name: *Cinnamomum verum* J.Presl = *Cinnamomum zeylanicum* Blume]; II, 156 (4): *dār śīnī*, and 160 (7): cinnamon, *Cinnamomum zeylanicum* Blume. Al-Kindi 265–266 (96): *dār śīnī*, cinnamon, bark of *Cinnamomum ceylanicum* Nees, *Cinnamomum cassia* Bl., and others. Āyurvedīyaśvakoṣa III, 2104: *Cinnamomum Zeylanicum* Nees. Daljīt Siṁha 388–390: cinnamon, the bark of *Cinnamomum zeylanicum* Nees. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 153: *dār śīnī*, *Cinnamomum zeylanicum*, 399: *Laurus cinnamomum* L. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, I, 26: *Cinnamomum zeylanicum* Blume. See on *dārṣīnī* in the Muslim world: E. Wiedemann II, 13. Compare on *cortex cinnamomi*: Flückiger and Hanbury 466–474.

²⁵⁰ Hamdard 85b.

²⁵¹ See on *karapsa*: Achundow 246 (469): *karafs* and 393 (355): *karafs* (with discussion on the identity of two types), *Apium petroselinum* [valid name: *Petroselinum crispum* (Mill.) Nyman ex A.W.Hill, one of its synonyms is *Apium petroselinum* Linn.] oder *graveolens* [valid name: *Apium graveolens* Linn.]. Ainslie: absent. Al-Biruni 277–278 (9): *karafs* and 286, n.20: *Apium graveolens* L. Al-Kindi 324–325 (257): *Apium graveolens* L. and others. Daljīt Siṁha 14–16: *karafs*, *Apium graveolens* Linn.; Hindī *ajmod*, but *ajmodā* = *Trachyspermum roxburghianum* Craib. [valid name: *Trachyspermum roxburghianum* (DC.) Craib.]. Hamdard 360–361: *ajmod* is the Urdu name of *Apium graveolens* Linn. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 64: *karafs*, *Apium graveolens*. Hand Book: absent. Schlimmer 45–46: *karafs*, *Apium graveolens*. Schmucker 388–390 (627): *karafs*, *Apium graveolens* L. and acc. to some, *Petroselinum sativum* [valid name: *Petroselinum crispum* (Mill.) Fuss = *Petroselinum sativum* Hoffm. ex Gaudin]. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, II, 93: the drug *tukhm-e-karafs* consists of the dried seeds of *Apium graveolens* Linn. E. Wiedemann II, 293.

²⁵² The same as *kamūn*; see 2.2.947–952.

²⁵³ Achundow 180–181: *dschundbīdester*, *castoreum*. Ainslie I, 62–63: castor, called *kundbaydastar* in Persian. Al-Biruni II, 86: *jundbādhastar*, *castoreum*; I, 112–113: *jundibādastar* (with discussion of its identity). Al-Kindi 254 (66): *jundubādastur*, *castoreum*. Hamdard 371–372: *jundbedastar* is the Persian name of *castoreum*. Hand Book 539: *kundbadastar*, *castoreum*.

bajrulbañja,²⁵⁴ or, as a substitute, *ajavāyana khurāsānī*.²⁵⁵
 Opium, mixed with oil of violets²⁵⁶ or almond oil²⁵⁷ and put into the ears will
 destroy violent pain.

²⁵⁴ Achundow 167 (78): *bang*, *Hyoscyamus*. Ainslie I, 167–169: *bajrul-banj*, the Arabic name of henbane seed, *Hyoscyamus Niger* (Lin.), and 607–608: *Hyoscyamus*. Al-Biruni I, 53: *banj*, *Hyoscyamus alba* (sic!) or *niger* L.; II, 77–78 (32): *banj* and 85 (79): the seeds of *Hyoscyamus niger* L. Al-Kindi 246–247 (45): *banj*, *Hyoscyamus albus* L., *Hyoscyamus niger*, and *Hyoscyamus muticus* [valid name: *Hyoscyamus muticus* Linn.]. Daljīt Sīmha 18–20: *banj* is the Arabic, *bang* the Persian name of *Hyoscyamus albus* Linn. and *Hyoscyamus niger* Linn. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 354: *banj*, *Hyoscyamus niger*. Hamdard 392–393: Persian *bajrul bang* designates *Hyoscyamus niger* Linn. Hand Book 50–56. Schlimmer 320: *banj* designates a *Hyoscyamus*; sources are *Hyoscyamus datura* [valid name: *Hyoscyamus muticus* Linn. = *Hyoscyamus Datura* Forssk.], *Hyoscyamus persicus* [valid name: *Hyoscyamus niger* Linn. = *Hyoscyamus persicus* Buhse], *Hyoscyamus niger*, *Hyoscyamus pusillus* [valid name: *Hyoscyamus pusillus* Linn.], *Hyoscyamus cameraru* [this is not a valid name], and *Hyoscyamus binatifidatus* [this is not a valid name]. Schmucker 121 (147): *banj*, *Hyoscyamus albus* L., *Hyoscyamus niger* L., *Hyoscyamus aureus* L. [this is a valid name]

²⁵⁵ Confirmed by *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.9: the substitute is *khurāsānī ajavāyana*. Daljīt Sīmha 18–20: the Hindī name of *Hyoscyamus albus* Linn. [this is the valid name]. Hamdard 287: *ajwain khurasani*, *Hyoscyamus niger*. Hand Book 50–56: the Hindī name of *Hyoscyamus niger* Linn. Compare on *Hyoscyamus*: Flückiger and Hanbury 416–418.

²⁵⁶ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.170: *banafṣā*; Achundow 168 (82): *banafsadsch*, *Viola odorata* [valid name: *Viola odorata* Linn.] and 354: *Viola odorata* Linn. und andere Spezies; Ainslie: absent; Al-Biruni 79 (35): *banafsaj* and 86, n.91: *Viola odorata* L.; Al-Kindi 247 (47): *banafsaj*, *Viola odorata* L.; Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 737: *banafsaj*, *Viola odorata*, *Viola tricolor*; Hand Book: absent; Daljīt Sīmha 491–492: *banafṣā*, *Viola odorata* Linn. and, in northern India, *Viola cinerea* Boiss. [this is a valid name] and *Viola serpens* Wall. [valid name *Viola pilosa* Blume, with *Viola serpens* Wall. ex Ging. as a synonym]; Schlimmer 553: *banafshā*, *Viola odorifera* or *odorata*; Schmucker 122 (151): *banafsaj*, *Viola odorata* L.; Unani Pharmacopoeia I, II, 41: *gul-e-banafsha* (Persian name) consists of the dried flowers of *Viola odorata* Linn.; I, III, 12 and 14: the drug *banafsha* consists of the dried leaves or the dried whole plant of *Viola pilosa* Blume. E. Wiedemann II, 384. Violets are known to late post-classical āyurvedic treatises: Govindadāsa's *Bhaiṣajyaratnāvalī* (*vanapsikā*) (see G. Jan Meulenbeld IIA, 336), the *Bṛhannighaṇṭuratnākara* (1254: *vanapsā*), Kṛṣṇarāma's *Siddhabheṣajamaṇimālā* (2.55: *banapsā*), and the *Siddhabhaiṣajyamañjūṣā* (*jvara* 16: *vanapsā*).

²⁵⁷ See on the almond in Islamic medicine: Hand Book 36–42.

*aftīmūna*²⁵⁸ ākāśavallī.²⁵⁹ *amaravela*²⁶⁰

2.2.142–145:

rūkṣoṣṇatriguṇam śaktir musahil saudā prakīrtitā /
mufattiha mugaśśī ca śonabījā navā varā //
mātrā kvāthe pañja 5 diram punar hafta 7 diram parā /
asyāḥ svarasamātrā syād dirama dvitri 2/3 saṃkhyayā //
ruvvaseva katīrā ca sneho bādāmasaṃbhavah /
darpaghñā badala jñeyā hāśā turbudanāmikā //
ustukhudūsa visphāyaj iti cāpi prakīrtitau //

It is dry and hot to the third degree.²⁶¹

It is agogue (*musahil*) with respect to black bile²⁶² as an action, as well as

²⁵⁸ Achundow 146–147 (14) and 338–339 (12); *aftīmūn*, *Cuscuta Epithymum*. Al-Biruni II, 73–74; *aftīmūn*, *Cuscuta epithymum* Murr.; I, 35–36 (75): *aftīmūn* and 63, n.238: *Cuscuta reflexa* Roxb. [this is a valid name]. Al-Kindi 233–234 (18): *aftīhimūn*, *Cuscuta epithymum* L. [valid name: *Cuscuta epithymum* (Linn.) Linn.]. Daljīt Simhā 30–32: *aftīmūn*, identified as *Cuscuta europea* Linn. [valid name: *Cuscuta europaea* Linn.]. Schmucker 54 (p.79). Unani Pharmacopoeia I, III, 3: the drug *aftimoon* consists of the dried stem and fruits of *Cuscuta reflexa* Roxb. Wiedemann II, 119; 239 (6): *aftīmūn*, *Cuscuta Epithymum*. Compare on *aftimūn* in the Muslim wold: E. Wiedemann II, 107, 119, 239. See also Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa I, 392–394: *aftīmūn*, *Cuscuta Epythymum*.

²⁵⁹ See on the properties and actions of ākāśavallī in āyurveda: *Rājanighaṇṭu* 3.19–20; *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.2; *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* 8. This plant is identified as *Cassytha filiformis* Linn., *Cuscuta reflexa* Roxb., and *Cuscuta chinensis* Lam. (see M. Abdul Karim). See on *Cassytha filiformis*, ākāśavallī: Dymock et al. III, 216–217, on *Cuscuta reflexa* and *Cuscuta chinensis*: Dymock II, 548.

²⁶⁰ This is the Hindī name.

²⁶¹ Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa I, 392–393: hot to the third and dry to the first degree. Daljīt Simhā: hot to the third degree and dry to the second degree (or to the third degree according to others).

²⁶² Al-Biruni 36: it exercises a beneficial effect on atrabile (black bile); it is a powerful cholagogue. Hand Book 359: *mus-hil-e-sauda* = melanagogue. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, III, 4: making black bile flow (*mushil sauda*). Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa I, 393: *saudābī* (*vātaja*) *vyādhīyon* ko dūr kartā hai, i.e., it removes diseases by black bile.

deobstruent (*mufattih*)²⁶³ and nutrient (*mugaśśī*).²⁶⁴

Fresh red seeds are the best.²⁶⁵

The dose is five *dirham* when a decoction is employed; seven *dirham* is the highest dose.²⁶⁶

The dose of the fresh juice is two to three *dirham*.

Correctives are the extract (*ruvva*)²⁶⁷ of *seva*,²⁶⁸ *katīrā* and almond oil.²⁶⁹

²⁶³ Daljīt Simḥa (31) agrees. Al-Biruni 36: it is a powerful expectorant. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, III, 4: it is (deobstruent as to obstructions) *mufatteh sudad*, i.e., *mufattih suddat*. Compare Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa I, 393: it is *rodhodghāṭak*, i.e., it removes obstructions.

²⁶⁴ Hand Book 315: *mughazzi* = nutrient. The Unani Pharmacopoeia (I, III, 4) adds: *mushil-e-balgham* (making phlegm flow), *musaffī-e-dam* (blood purifying), *muhallil-e-warm* (resolvent with regard to swellings/anti-inflammatory), *mudirr-e-haiz* (emmenagogue), *mudirr-e-baul* (diuretic). Compare Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa I, 393: it is *śothalayakartar* (reducing swellings), *raktaśodhak* (purifying blood), *prāyah mastiṣka rogoṇko lābhaprada* (usually beneficial in brain diseases). Compare on the properties and actions of *ākāśavalli*: *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* 8.

²⁶⁵ Al-Biruni 35: the best variety bears red flowers. According to Daljīt Simḥa all five parts and the seeds are used in medicine.

²⁶⁶ The dose is 3–5 gm according to The Unani Pharmacopoeia (I, III, 4).

²⁶⁷ See on the preparation of a *rub*, an extract: Hamdard 136.

²⁶⁸ This is Persian *sīb*, an apple, also called *tuffāh*. *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.248–249: Persian name *seb*, Arabic name *tafāh*. Achundow 171 (86): *tuffāh*, *Pyrus Malus* and 354 (71): *sīb*, *Pyrus Malus* [valid name: *Malus domestica* Borkh.], apple. Ainslie: absent. Al-Biruni 91 (20): *tuffāh* and 99 (40): *Pyrus malus* L. Al-Kindi: absent. Daljīt Simḥa: 697: Persian *seb*, Arabic *tuffāh*, *Malus pumila* Mill. [this is a valid name], syn. *Pyrus malus* Linn. [this is another species, not a synonym]. Schlimmer 468: *sīb*, apple. Schmucker 130 (169): *tuffāh*, *Malus* L. E. Wiedemann II, 375: *tuffāh*, Apfel; 392. *sev* is described at 2.2.292–296: *tufāha* / *seva*.

²⁶⁹ Daljīt Simḥa records *kāsanī* and *śuktamadhu* (the same as oxymel) (*sikañjabīn*) as correctives in case all parts of the plant are used, but *katīrā* and *kāsanī* when the seeds have been employed. The Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (I,393) mentions as correctives: *sikajavīj*, honey, and the seeds of *kāsanī*.

Substitutes are *hāśā*²⁷⁰ and the plant called *turbud*.²⁷¹ As such are also *ustukhudūs*²⁷² and *visphāyaj*²⁷³ mentioned.²⁷⁴

²⁷⁰ Achundow 185 (134), identified as *Thymus capitatus* Lk. = *Satureja capitata* L. [valid name: *Coridothymus capitatus* (Linn.) Rchb.f., with *Thymus capitatus* (Linn.) Hoffmanns. et Link and *Satureja capitata* Linn. as synonyms], a plant that is also hot and dry to the third degree. Al-Biruni 119 and 133, n.3: either *Thymus serpythen* L. [this is an incorrect name] or *Thymus vulgaris* L. [this is a valid name]; some believe it to be *Thymus zygis* L. [this is a valid name] or *Satureia capitata* L. Al-Kindi 256 (70): Arabic name *hāshā*, identified as *Thymus vulgaris* Linn. Daljīt Simḥa 727–728, Arabic name *hāśā*, identified as *Thymus serpyllum* Linn. [this is a valid name], also dry and hot to the third degree. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 647: *hāshā*, *Thymus vulgaris*. Hand Book: absent. Schlimmer (534) records different names of *Thymus serpyllum*. Schmucker 153–155 (219), identified as *Thymus capitatus* or an *Origanum* sp. Unani Pharmacopoeia II, I, 232–233 and II, II, 259: the dried leaves of *Thymus serpyllum* Linn. Compare on *Thymus vulgaris*: Flückiger and Hanbury 437–438.

²⁷¹ Achundow 174–175 (98) and 358 (80): *turbud*, *Convolvulus turpethum* [valid name: *Operculina turpethum* (Linn.) Silva Manso = *Convolvulus turpethum* Linn.]. Ainslie II, 308 and 382–384: *turbad*, *Convolvulus turpethum* (Lin.). Al-Biruni 89 (12): *turbud*, and 98, n.22: *Ipomoea turpethum* R.Br. var. *Convolvulus turpethum* L.; II, 82 *turbad*, *Ipomoea turpethum* [valid name: *Operculina turpethum* (Linn.) Silva Manso = *Ipomoea turpethum* (Linn.) R.Br.] or *Convolvulus turpethum* L.; I, 89 (12): *turbud*, and 98, n. 22: *Ipomoea turpethum* R.Br. var. *Convolvulus turpethum* L. Al-Kindi 249 (52): *turbad*, *Ipomoea turpethum* Linn. Daljīt Simḥa 420–421: *turbud* is the Arabic and Persian name of *Operculina turpethum* (Linn.) Silva Manso. Hamdard 394: *turbud* is the Arabic and Urdu name of *Ipomoea turpethum* R.Br. Hand Book 385–390: *turbud*, the Urdu name of *Operculina turpethum* (Linn.) Silva Manso. Schlimmer 156: *turbud*, *Convolvulus turpethum*. Al-Biruni 89 (12): *turbud*, and 98, n.22: *Ipomoea turpethum* R.Br. var. *Convolvulus turpethum* L. Schmucker 128 (162): *trbd*, *Convolvulus turpethum* L. See on this plant: Dymock et al. II, 527–530.

²⁷² See 2.2.59–61.

²⁷³ Achundow 164 (67) and 348–349 (54): *basbâjidsch*, the Arabic name of *Polypodium vulgare* [valid name: *Polypodium vulgare* Linn.]. Al-Kindi 243 (37): Arabic name *basbāyij*, Persian name *baspāyak*, a literal translation of polypodium, meaning “many feet”, identified as *Polypodium vulgare* L. Hamdard 273: *bisfaij*, *Polypodium vulgare*. This plant is not used in āyurveda. See on it: Dymock et al. III, 621–622.

²⁷⁴ Al-Biruni (36) mentions as substitute for the expulsion of atrabile (black bile) a mixture of turpeth and one-third thyme. A mixture of the same amount of *Epithymum* and one-third this amount of *Convolvulus Turpethum* is regarded as a substitute for the expulsion of black bile as an action of *Polypodium vulgare* according to Achundow (164). Daljīt

*afasanatīna*²⁷⁵

2.2.146:

*uṣṇā caikaguṇam rūkṣā dviguṇam triguṇāthavā /
praśastā pītavarṇābhā navāmlānā tathaiva ca //*

It is hot to the first degree and dry to the second or third degree.²⁷⁶
The recommended type is the yellow one, as well as the fresh and unwilted
one.

Siṁha regards *afsantīn* as the substitute in case all five parts of the plant or the seeds are used. The Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (I, 393) regards *afsantīn* and *bādarīj* as the substitutes. The latter plant is identified as *Ocimum basilicum* Linn. (Schmucker 100 (95)) or *Calamintha portensis* L. [this is not a valid name] (Al-Biruni 68–69 (2): *bādrūj* and 83 (6)).

²⁷⁵ *afsantīn*. Achundow 146 (13): *Artemisia absinthium* [valid name: *Artemisia absinthium* Linn.]. Ainslie I, 481–483: *afsantīn*, *Artemisia Madera-patana* (Lin.) [valid name: *Grangea maderaspatana* (Linn.) Poir. = *Artemisia maderaspatana* Roxb.], II, 194–196: *afsantīn*, *Artemisia Indica* (Willd.) [valid name: *Artemisia indica* Willd.]. Al-Biruni 21 (31): *arṭamisiyā* and 58 (86): the *Artemisia* species implied here in all probability is *Artemisia absinthium* L. Al-Biruni II, 97–98: *Artemisia absinthium* L. Al-Kindi 233 (17): *ifsintīn*, a species of *Artemisia*, probably the *absinthium*. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa I, 396–399: *Artemisia absinthium* Linn. Daljīt Siṁha 32–33: *afsantīn*, *Artemisia absinthium* Linn. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 27: *Absintium officinale*. Hamdard 361–362: *afsantīn*, the Persian name of *Artemisia absinthium* Linn. Ibn-Sina 35 (74) and 63, n.231: *Artemisia absinthium* L. and related species. Schlimmer 9: *afsantīn rūmī*, *Absynthium ponticum*, syn. *Artemisia pontica* [valid name: *Artemisia pontica* Linn.]. Schmucker 80–81 (57). Unani Pharmacopoeia I, II, 3: Arabic *afsanteen* and *khatraq* (*k̤hatraq*), Persian *marw* and *marwah* *afsanteen rumi* are names of *Artemisia absinthium* Linn. *Artemisia absinthium* has no acknowledged Sanskrit name. The identity of *marw* is controversial. Achundow 275 (538): *marw* is the name of *Origanum Maru* L., and 404 (409): *Teucrium marum* [valid name: *Teucrium marum* Linn.] or *Origanum Maru* L. Al-Kindi 336 (289): *marw*, *Origanum maru* L. Schmucker 471–474 (719): *marw*, *Origanum maru* L. [this is a valid name]

²⁷⁶ Achundow 146 (13): hot and dry to the second degree. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa I, 397: hot to the first and dry to the second degree. Daljīt Siṁha 33: hot to the first degree and dry to the second degree (or to the third degree according to others). Yādavaśarman: dry and hot in Yūnānī.

commentary:

śaktih musahil safarā mufattiha suddā mātrā kvāthe diram 5/7. badala jādahakayasūma daratakabiyat mādā āsārūna yā nīmavajana halelaya-jarda darpaghne anesūnā nīlofara.

The actions are agogue/cathartic with respect to yellow bile (*mushil-e safra*)²⁷⁷ and deobstruent (*mufattih*) with regard to obstructions (*suddā*).²⁷⁸ The dose is five to seven *dirham* of a decoction.²⁷⁹

²⁷⁷ Achundow (146) agrees: es führt die gelbe Galle allmählich ab.

²⁷⁸ Achundow (146) agrees: es öffnet die Verstopfungen. The Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (I, 397) agrees (*rodhodghāṭak*). Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 27: tonic for brain, heart and stomach; febrifuge, anthelmintic, and emmenagogue. Actions according to The Unani Pharmacopoeia I, II, 4: *mudirr-e-baul* (diuretic), *daf-e-humma* (*daf-e-ḥummā*, removing fever), *qatil-e-kirm-e-shikam* (*qātil-e-kirm-e-ṣhikam*, killing intestinal parasites), *mufatteh sudad* (*mufattih suddā*, deobstruent with regard to obstructions), *muqawwi-e-medā* (*muqawwī-e-mi'da*, stomachic), *mohallil-e-waram* (resolvent as to swellings/anti-inflammatory). The Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (I, 398) describes it as *balya* (giving strength), *samkocaka* (contractive), *pravartaka/ recaka* (purgating), *jvaraghna* (curing fever), *udara-kṛmināśaka* (killing intestinal worms), *mastiṣkottejaka* (stimulating the brain). Yādava-śarman (244): according to Yūnānī it is: *mūtrala* (diuretic), *ārtavajanana* (emmengogue), *jvaraghna* (curing fevers), *kṛmirogahara* (expelling intestinal parasites), beneficial in swelling of liver and spleen,

²⁷⁹ Daljīt Simḥa 33: two to five gm. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, II, 4: 4 to 9 gm.

Substitutes²⁸⁰ are *jādaha*²⁸¹ and *kayasūma*²⁸² ... *āsārūna* or half a *wazn*²⁸³ of yellow (*zard*) *halelaya*.²⁸⁴

Correctives are *anesūnā*²⁸⁵ and *nīlofar*.²⁸⁶

²⁸⁰ Compare on the substitutes: Achundow 146. The *Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa* (I. 397) mentions *gāfis* and *asārūn* as substitutes. The plant called *ghāfit* or *ghāfis* is described at 2.2.841–845. See also *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.65: *ghāfis*. It is identified as *Agrimonia eupatoria* Linn. [this is a valid name] and other plants (Al-Kindi 309–310 (215)). Achundow (237 (414)) identifies *ghāfat* as *Agrimonia Eupatorium*. Daljīt Simha (242–244) mentions three identifications of *ghāfis*: *Gentiana dahurica* Fisch. [this is a valid name], *Agrimonia eupatoria* Linn., and *Gentiana kurroo* Royle [this is a valid name]. See on *Gentiana dahurica*: Dymock et al. II, 508–509, on *Gentiana kurroo*: Dymock et al. II, 510–511. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 257: *ghāfath*, *Eupatorium cannabinum* [valid name: *Eupatorium cannabinum* Linn.]. Schlimmer (23): *Agrimonia Eupatoria*, *ghāfitah*. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 32: *ghāfīh al-rūm*, *Agrimonia eupatoria*. Steingass: *ghāfat*, *ghāfīh*, swallow-wort, eupatory, agrimony. See on *Agrimonia eupatoria*: Dymock et al. I, 582–583.

²⁸¹ Al-Biruni 35: according to Rāzī an equal weight of *ja'dah* can be used as a substitute of *afsantīn*. See on *ja'dah*: Achundow 180 (115): *dchu'da*, *Teucrium Polium*; Al-Biruni I, 109 (16) and 116, n.31: some regard it as *Teucrium polium* L. [this is a valid name], others as the *Polium* of Pliny and *Santolina chamaecyparissus* [valid name: *Santolina chamaecyparissus* Linn.]; II, 85: *Teucrium polium* or *T. capitatum* L. [valid name: *Teucrium polium* Linn. subsp. *capitatum* (Linn.) Arcang.]. See on *Teucrium polium*: Dymock et al. III, 125–126.

²⁸² Achundow 242 (444) and 389 (337): *qaisūm*, *Chamaecyparissus squarrosa* [valid name: *Chamaecyparis pisifera* (Siebold et Zucc.) Endl. *forma squarrosa* (Zucc.) Beissn.]. Ainslie I, 400: *qayṣūm*, *Artemisia austriaca* (Lin.) [valid name: *Artemisia austriaca* Jacq.]. Daljīt Simha 204–205: *kaisūm*, *Artemisia austriaca* Linn. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 76: *qayṣūm*, *Artemisia abrotanum*. E. Wiedemann II, 389: *qaisūm*, *Artemisia Abrotanum* [valid name: *Artemisia abrotanum* Linn.].

²⁸³ A *wazn* is a measure of weight.

²⁸⁴ I.e., the yellow myrobalan.

²⁸⁵ Achundow 146 (13): in agreement. Daljīt Simha 33: pomegranate juice (*anārkā śarbat*), *anīsūm*.

²⁸⁶ The *Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa* (I. 397) enumerates: *anīsūn*, *mastagī*, *nīlofar*, and *śarbat anār*.

bābūnā,²⁸⁷ *bābūnaja*,²⁸⁸ *sonahala*²⁸⁹

2.2.149:

uṣṇam ekaguṇam rūkṣam pīnam pītprasūnakam /
sastam mātrā si 3 miskāla darpaghnam mākṣikam smṛtam //

It is hot to the first degree²⁹⁰ and dry.²⁹¹

Recommended is the kind that is large and has yellow flowers. The dose is three *miskāl* and the corrective is said to be *mākṣika*.

²⁸⁷ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.175: Persian name *bābūnā*, Arabic name *bāmbūj*. Ainslie I, 67–68: *bābūnah kāw*, the flowers of *Anthemis nobilis* (Lin.) [valid name *Chamaemelum nobile* (Linn.) All.]. Daljīt Siṁha 513–514.

²⁸⁸ Achundow 163 (65) and 348 (52): *bābūnadsch*, *Matricaria Chamomilla* [valid name: *Tripleurospermum inodorum* (Linn.) Sch.Bip. = *Matricaria chamomilla* Linn.], Kamille. Al-Biruni I, 38–40: *babūnaj* and 64 (246): the identification is doubtful: *Pyrethrum parthenium*, *Matricaria parthenoides* Desf. [this is not a valid name], or *Matricaria chamomilla* L.; II, 74–75: *bābūnaj*, sources: *Matricaria parthenium* Mill. [valid name: *Tanacetum parthenium* (Linn.) Sch. Bip. = *Matricaria parthenium* Linn.], *Chrysanthemum parthenium* Pers. [the valid name of *Chrysanthemum parthenium* (Linn.) Bernh. is *Tanacetum parthenium* (Linn.) Sch. Bip.], *Anthemis colala* L. [valid name: *Anthemis cotula* Linn.], *Pyrethrum parthenium* Smith [this is not a valid name]. Al-Kindi 239 (29): *bābūnaj*, probably *Anthemis nobilis* L., camomile. Daljīt Siṁha 513: *bābūnaj*, *Matricaria chamomilla* L. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 60: *bābūnaj*, *Anthemis nobilis*. Hamdard 402: *babuna* is the Urdu name of *Matricaria chamomilla* Linn. Schmucker 99–100 (93): *bābūnaj*, *Anthemis nobilis* L. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, II, 39: *gul-e-babuna* (Persian name) consists of the dried flowers of *Matricaria chamomilla* Linn., called *zahr-ul-malik* in Arabic; see also II, I, 221 (detailed description), 232 (*gul-e-babuna*, the floral shoots of the plant), and 257 (*tukhm-e-babuna*, the floral shoots), II, II, 257, 258, 264: (*babuna*, the floral shoots). Compare E. Wiedemann II, 303 and 383 on *Matricaria* and its names. See on *Matricaria chamomilla* and *Anthemis nobilis*: Dymock et al. II, 274–276. See also Flückiger and Hanbury 344–346: *flores anthemidis*. A nineteenth-century āyurvedic treatise, Kṛṣṇarāma’s *Siddhabheṣajamanimālā* (4.52) mentions *bābūnā* (see G. Jan Meulenbeld IIA, 393). See also C.D. Maclean (1982), 63.

²⁸⁹ Hindī *sonhalā* means ‘of a gold colour’.

²⁹⁰ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.175: hot to the third degree. Achundow (163) and Daljīt Siṁha 514: hot to the second degree.

²⁹¹ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.175: dry to the second degree. Achundow (163): dry to the second degree. Daljīt Siṁha 514: dry to the first degree.

commentary:

*darpaghnam idam āntaropacāre, bāhyopacāre tu rogan gul. pratinidhiḥ
varañjāsafa asavaraga. śaktayah 3 mulattifa mufattiha muhallila.*

This is the corrective²⁹² for internal use. (The corrective) for external use, however, is rose oil.²⁹³ Substitutes are *varañjāsafa*²⁹⁴ and *asavaraga*.

The actions are attenuant (*mulattif*), deobstruent (*mufattiḥ*) and resolvent (*muḥallil*).²⁹⁵

2.2.150:

*sodāvī balgamī tapyaharam prāśād udāhṛtam /
aśmarīḥṛdrujomūtramṛtabhrūṇapravartakam //*

It is said to remove (feverish) heat by black bile and phlegm when ingest-ed.²⁹⁶

It brings about bladder stones,²⁹⁷ pain in the region of the heart, a flow of

²⁹² *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.175: correctives are the flowers of *nīlofar* and a pomegranate po-tion.

²⁹³ See on rose oil (*gulrogan*): *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.71.

²⁹⁴ Daljit Simha 496: *barañjasif*, *barañjāsaf*, identified as *Achillea millefolium* Linn. [this is a valid name]. Hamdard 354: Persian name *biranasif*, *Achillea millefolium* Linn. Unani Pharmacopoeia II, II, 258: *biranasif*, the dried flowering tops of *Achillea millefolium* L. The *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.175) mentions as substitutes *birañjasif* and *nākhūnā*, called *gāyahkesar* in Persian and *aklelulmulk* in Arabic (see p.144). See on *birañjasif*: *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.179.

²⁹⁵ The actions are *moharrik* (*muḥarrrik*, stimulating), *mulattif* (attenuant) and *kāsir-e-riyāḥ* (carminative; literally: breaking winds/flatus) in the Unani Pharmacopoeia (I, II, 40). The Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine (432) also interprets *kāsir al-riyāḥ* as carminative. Compare Āyurvedīyaśvakoṣa IV, 113 on *kāsir riyāḥ*, explained as *dīpanapācana* (stimulating the digestive fire and digestion), *vātānulomana* (normalizing the course of the winds), *daf'-e-riyāḥ* (expelling wind), *mukaśī* (nutrient) (this is probably an error for *mugaśī*). Compare also *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.175: the actions are: *mukhake rodhako udghāṭak* (deobstruent), *śothako layakartā* (resolving swellings), *mūtrapravartaka* (di-uretic), *ārtavapravartaka* (emmenagogue), etc.

²⁹⁶ Achundow (163) agrees: sie unterdrückt das Fieber, welches von der Zersetzung der schwarzen Galle oder des Schleims herrührt. Āyurvedic texts never refer to fever as *tanya*, but this rare term appears to denote a condition with increased body temperature.

²⁹⁷ Achundow: sie verkleinert die Nieren- und Blasensteine. See on *aśmarī*: Āyurvedīyaśvakoṣa I, 711–713; *Mādhavaniḍāna* 32.

urine²⁹⁸ and the expulsion of a dead foetus.²⁹⁹

commentary:

dimāgrā āśāvarā kuvvat dihada.

It strengthens³⁰⁰ the brain and the vital spirits.

2.2.151–153:

*sīrasah śīrahśambaddhaśīrāṇām ca balāvaham /
bāśpasyaitat kaśāyasya śīrasā paridhāraṇam /
sadyo netravikāraghnām doṣāśodhanapūrvakam //
siddhah̄ sirkādrave kvātho ramadnāmākṣirogahṛt /
antaḥkṛto bāśpabāṇais tad bukhāra nirasyati //*

It gives strength to the head and to the channels that are connected to the head.³⁰¹

When the head is surrounded by the steam of its decoction, this immediately annihilates disorders of the eyes, preceded by purification of the *doṣas*.

A decoction prepared with *sirkā* removes the eye disease called *ramad*.³⁰²

It drives away fever (*bukhārā*) when fluffs of steam (from the decoction) are inhaled.

commentary:

*ramada sarujo’mbhahśrāvah. caśmarāṇām ajabukhāra pākagardānada mātrā
dhikyāṇ galagrahadoṣakaram.*

ramad is (a disorder of the eyes) accompanied by pain and secretion. A small amount of steam³⁰³ purifies³⁰⁴ the eyes. An excessive dose causes the disorder (called) *galagraha*.³⁰⁵

²⁹⁸ Achundow 163: sie wirkt diuretisch.

²⁹⁹ Achundow (163): sie führt zum Abortus. Compare *Abhinavanighantu*, p.175: *hānikartā*: *śir aur kanṭhako bhārī karnevālā tathā śiraḥpīḍāprada hai.*

³⁰⁰ Persian/Arabic *quwwat* is strength, force.

³⁰¹ Achundow (163): es stärkt das Gehirn und die nervösen Organe.

³⁰² Conjunctivitis according to The Unani Pharmacopoeia II, II, 12.

³⁰³ *bukhāra* means steam, vapour.

³⁰⁴ *pāk kardan* = to purify.

³⁰⁵ A swelling of the throat. See *Carakasamhitā*, *Sūtrasthāna* 18.22 and G. Jan Meulenbeld (1999), IB 21, n.242.

bādarañjabū³⁰⁶ yā tukhmavālaṅgā³⁰⁷ – rāmatulasībīja³⁰⁸

2.2.154–156:

*rūkṣoṣṇam dviguṇam śaktir mufattiha muhallila /
mukavvī koṣṭhaśiraso manasas tu mufarriha //
musaliḥ saudā samākhyātam mātrā svarasasambhavā /
dirammānāpy aśuṣkasya miskāladvitayām 2 bhavet //
musliḥ samagaäravī yārīvām parikalpitāḥ /
avareśam phalapūrvo vā proktāḥ pratinidhir budhaiḥ //*

It is dry and hot to the second degree.³⁰⁹ Its actions are deobstruent (*mufattiḥ*)³¹⁰ and resolvent (*muḥallil*),³¹¹ but it is exhilarating (*mufarriḥ*) regarding the abdominal viscera, head and mind.

It is said to be corrective (*musliḥ*) with respect to black bile. The dose of its fresh juice is one *dirham* or two *miskāl* when it is not dried.

It has this corrective action when *samag arabī* is chosen as a substance to assist (*yārī*) (in this action).³¹²

³⁰⁶ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.211–212: *rāmatulasī*, Arabic name *firañjamušk*. Achundow 160 (57): *bādrūdsch*, *Ocimum basilicum* [valid name: *Ocimum basilicum* Linn.]; 239 (421): *farandschamuschk*, *Ocimum*; 347 (46): *bādrandschbūja*, *Melissa officinalis*. Ainslie 423: the *ocymum basilicum* would appear to be the *bādraj* of Avicenna and of Serapio. Al-Biruni 69 (3): *bādranjbūyah* and 83 (11): identified as *Melissa officinalis* L. [this is a valid name]. Daljīt Siṁha 372–374: *bādaraūk*, a Persian name of *Ocimum basilicum* Linn., and 528–529: *bādaraīgbūyā*, *Melissa officinalis* Linn. Schlimmer 203: *badranjbūyah*, *Dracocephalum Moldavicum* [valid name: *Dracocephalum moldavicum* Linn.]. Schmucker 100 (95): *bādarūj*, *Ocimum basilicum* L. Compare footnote to *māmīrāṇa*. See on *Ocimum basilicum*: Dymock et al. III, 83–85.

³⁰⁷ Compare *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.177: *tukhmabālaṅgā* as the Persian name of a plant.

³⁰⁸ The seeds of *rāmatulasī*. This plant is identified as *Ocimum gratissimum* Linn. [this is a valid name] (*Bhāvaprakāśanighaṇṭu*, commentary by Rūpalāl Jī Vaiśya on *puṣpavarga* 62–63). Dymock et al. III, 85–86: *Ocimum gratissimum* Linn. is called *ramtulsī* in Hindī.

³⁰⁹ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.211: hot and dry to the third degree. Achundow 160 (57): hot to the second degree.

³¹⁰ Confirmed by the *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.211: *mastiṣkake rodhakī udghāṭak*.

³¹¹ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.211: *śothako layakartā*.

³¹² See 2.2.740–743.

Silk (*avareśam*)³¹³ or *phalapūrva*³¹⁴ are mentioned as substitutes by wise (physicians).³¹⁵

commentary:

khaphakāna hauladil hṛdrogah, phavāka hikkā, jakha kandūḥ ity etān āmayān parihaarati. valgamī saudāvī marjarā mukarrara.

Palpitation (*khafaqān*) is palpitation of the heart (*haul-e-dil*), *fuwāq* is hiccup, *jakha* is itching; it removes these diseases. Disorders by phlegm and black bile are unquestionably (*muqarrar*) its object (*marja'*) (?).³¹⁶

*bajrulkarapsa, tukhmakarapsa*³¹⁷ – *ajamoda*³¹⁸

2.2.170–173:

rūkṣoṣṇam dviguṇam mūtrarajobandhavibhedanam /
srotonmīlanakrc cāpi yakṛto vṛkkayor api //
hikkām ca śvasanaṇ cāpi kāṣāṇ vātam vināśayet /
plīhne hitam apasmāravate ‘pi śisirā ātmane //
mufattiha mugaśśī ca mudirra mubahītī ca /
darpaghnam asya mājūnagul kānha mastagī bhavet //
anesūṇ badala khyāto ‘thavā fitraäsāla-yut /
mātrā miskālayugmam syād dhimenākiranāvalih //

³¹³*avareśam* is described at 2.2.1–5. Achundow 153 (37): *ibrīsam*, Seide. Ainslie: absent. Al-Biruni: absent. Al-Kindi: absent. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa I, 410–412: *abreśam*, raw silk cocoon. Daljīt Siṁha: absent. Hamdard 364–365: *abresham*, the cocoon of *Bombyx mori*. Hand Book 538: raw silk cocoon. Schlimmer 514: *abrīsham*, silk. See also E. Wiedemann II, 15: *ibarīsam*. Silk is employed as a medicinal substance in the āyurvedic *Siddhaprayogalatikā* as *ābareśama* (21.14; 34.41).

³¹⁴This may be a wrong reading for *phalapūra*, on which see 2.2.20–21.

³¹⁵*Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.211: the substitutes are *long* (= *lavaṅga*, cloves) and *bādarāñjoriyā*; the correctives are *banafśāh* and *sikañjabīn*.

³¹⁶Compare *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.211: *sodāvī bisvāsā kaphaja bisvāseko lābhaprada hai*.

³¹⁷See on *karapsa*: commentary on 2.2.134–136. The author uses two words for seed: the Arabic *badhr* and the Persian *tukhm*.

³¹⁸See 2.2.134–136.

It is dry and hot to the second degree,³¹⁹ loosens obstructions to (the flow of) urine and menstrual discharge, opens the channels, also those of liver and kidneys,³²⁰ destroys hiccup,³²¹ breathing disorders,³²² cough³²³ and *vāta*;³²⁴ it is beneficial to the spleen³²⁵ and to someone suffering from a convulsive disorder; it is cool to the *ātman*.

It is deobstruent (*mufattih*), nutrient (*mugassī*), causes to flow (*mudirra*) and is aphrodisiac (*mubahī*).

Its correctives are *mājūnagul*,³²⁶ *kānha*³²⁷ and *mastagī*.
anesūm is said to be its substitute or added to *fitraäśāl*.³²⁸

A dose of two *miskāl* will act as the sun on snow.

³¹⁹ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.5: idem. *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* 2.99: *ajamodā* is hot. *Rājanighaṇṭu* 6.152: hot and dry.

³²⁰ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.5: *yakṛt aur plīhake rodhako khanḍan kartā*.

³²¹ Confirmed by the *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* 2.99.

³²² *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.5: *śvās ko gun kartā*.

³²³ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.5: it is beneficial in a dry cough.

³²⁴ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.5: *vāyu laya kartā*. *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* 2.99: *ajamodā* is *vātajit*.

³²⁵ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.5: *plīhake rodhako khanḍan kartā*.

³²⁶ A *ma'jūn* is an electuary. Many *mājūn* recipes are found in chapter 3.19. See on this preparation: E. Wiedemann II, 109–110: Über die Sirupe (Scharāb), Latwergen (Ma'gūn) und was dazu gehört, 123.

³²⁷ This item remains unidentified.

³²⁸ Al-Biruni 252 (24): *fuṭr asaliyūn* and 259 (39): identified as *Apium graveolens* Linn.

Daljīt Simḥa 476: *phitarāsāliyūna*: the drug sold under this name in Bombay is *Prangos pabularia* Lindl. [this is a valid name]. Dymock II, 138–141: *Prangos pabularia* Lindl., *fiturasaliyun* (Indian Bazars). See on *Prangos pabularia*: Dymock et al. II, 138–141. Compare Achundow 153–154 (43): *āzarjūn*, *Calendula officinalis*; Al-Kindi 226 (3): *ādhariyūn*, *Calendula officinalis* Linn. [this is a valid name].

bajrulbarbājī,³²⁹ *nānukulāga*,³³⁰ *tukhmagulakhairūkalām*³³¹

2.2.174:

catusprākṛtabhedeṣu sadṛśam gauravam hṛdah /
antrakṣatam vedanām ca hared āśu niṣevanāt //

It is of a similar degree as to the four types of *prakṛti*.³³²

Its use makes heaviness of the heart, lesions of the intestine³³³ and pain quickly disappear.

commentary:

bastikarmaṇā. hukanā paryāyah. reśarīndahā antrakṣatam

(Administration) by means of a clyster (is intended). *huqnah* is a synonym (of clyster). *reśarīndahā* (means) lesion of the intestine.³³⁴

³²⁹ The seeds of *barbājī*, a name not found in the dictionaries.

³³⁰ See *Abhinavanighantu*, p.60–61 and 146: Persian name *nānkułāg*, Arabic name *khubbājī*. Daljīt Siṁha 225: *nānekulāgh*, *Malva sylvestris* Linn. [this is a valid name]. Steingass: *nāni kulāgh*, name of a herb growing in marshy places, camomile flowers, crow's foot.

³³¹ Daljīt Siṁha 211–212: *gulakhairū*, *Althoea rosea* Linn. [valid name: *Alcea rosea* Linn.]. The identity of *gulkhairūkalām* remains unsettled. *Malva sylvestris* and *Alcea rosea* are two different plants. Persian *kalān* means great, big, which may mean that another species is meant than *Alcea rosea*. Compare the *gulakhairūkhurda*, the small type, mentioned in the heading of 2.2.176–177.

³³² Daljīt Siṁha 225: cold and moist to the first degree.

³³³ Confirmed by Daljīt Siṁha 226.

³³⁴ *rīsh* is a Persian word for wound. *rīndahā* has not been identified.

*bujrulkhatamī*³³⁵, *tukhmakhatamī*³³⁶, *gulakhairūkhurda*³³⁷

2.2.176–177:

rūkṣā śītā caikaguṇā śastā pakvā sitetarā /
pittakāsapraśamanī mātrā syād diramadvayam //
gulakhairū kalāṁ prokta etatpratinidhir budhaiḥ //

It is dry and cold to the first degree.³³⁸ The recommended kind is the ripe one, dark in colour.

³³⁵ Error for *bajrulkhatamī*.

³³⁶ See on *khatmī* or *khitmī*, identified as *Althaea officinalis* Linn. [this is a valid name]: Achundow 195 (176) and 369 (134): *chathmī*, *Althaea ficifolia* Cav. [valid name: *Alcea ficifolia* Linn.]. Al-Biruni 140 (16): *khatmī* and 151 (34): the accepted orthography is *khitmī*, *Althaea officinalis* L. Al-Kindi: absent. Daljīt Simhā 211–212; Persian name *khatmī*, *khitmī*, *Althoea officinalis* Linn. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 47: *khaṭmī*, *Althoea officinalis*. Hamdard 358: Persian *tukhm-e-khatmi* denotes the fruit and carpels of *Althaea officinalis* Linn. Hand Book 237–242: Unani Tibbi name *khairū*, Urdu name *khatmi*, *Althaea officinalis* Linn. The seeds of this plant are called in Arabic *bajrul khatmī*, in Persian *tukhm-e-khatmī*. Schlimmer 3: *Althaea officinalis*, *khaṭmī*. Schmucker 185–186 (278): *khatmī*, *Althaea ficifolia*. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, V, 99: *ba-zre khatmi* (Arabic name) or *tukhm-e-khatmi* (Persian name): the dried seeds of *Althaea officinalis* Linn. Yādavaśarman (113–114): Persian *khatmī* is *Althoea officinalis*. This drug, *tukhmakhatamī*, is known to the *Siddhaprayogalatikā* (8.19) where it is prescribed against cough and some other disorders. The author of the *Siddhabhaiṣajyamañjūṣā* prescribes *khatamī* (*jvara* 126; *kāsa* 17). Species of *Alcea* have no recognized Sanskrit name. Compare on *Alcea*: Dymock et al. I, 201–204 (s.v. *Althaea officinalis*); Flückiger and Hanbury 84–86.

³³⁷ See Daljīt Simhā 211–212: Hindī *gulkhairū*, Persian *khairū* is identified as *Alcea rosea* Linn. = *Althaea rosea* (Linn.) Cav. Hamdard 400: Urdu *gulkhair* designates *Malva sylvestris* Linn. [this is a valid name]. A small (*khurda* is a Persian word for small) type of the plant is meant. See on *Malva sylvestris*: Dymock et al. I, 204–205.

³³⁸ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.56: cold and moist. Achundow 195: hot to the first degree. Hand Book 240: hot and dry to the first degree. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, V, 100: moderately cold and moist.

It alleviates cough³³⁹ arising from *pitta*; its dose is two dirham.³⁴⁰
Wise (physicians) regard *gulakhairū kalām* as its substitute.

commentary:

snigdheti kecit. śaktayah 4 mulayyana mulattifa mufattiha muhallila. darpaghne 2 kṣaudrabadarīphale pratinidhir aparah nīlofara.

Some consider it to be moist (instead of dry). Its actions are four in number: laxative (*mulayyan*), attenuant (*mulaṭṭif*), deobstruent (*mufattiḥ*), and resolvent (*muḥallil*).³⁴¹

There are two correctives: honey³⁴² and jujube fruits.³⁴³ A substitute is *nīlofar*.³⁴⁴

³³⁹ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.56: beneficial in cases of dry cough. Achundow 195: der ausgeschälte Same unterdrückt den Husten. Daljīt Siṁha 212: the chief actions of the roots are against swelling and cough. The Hand Book (237 and 241) records that the seeds are the part used and mentions bronchitis as one of their indications. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 47: emollient and sedative in cases of gingivitis and inflammation of the mucous membrane of the mouth and throat. Yādavaśarman (113): used against cough and swellings.

³⁴⁰ Hand Book 241: the dose is 5–10 gm.

³⁴¹ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.56: śothako layakartā. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, V, 100: *mohallil* (resolvent), *munaffis-e-balgham* (expectorant), *rade* (Arabic *rādi'*, driving away.), *mura-khhi* (relaxant), *munzij* (coactive).

³⁴² Agrees with *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.56), Daljīt Siṁha 212 and Hand Book 241.

³⁴³ The *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.65) mentions *somf* (= Sanskrit *śatapuspā*). Daljīt Siṁha (212) and Hand Book (241) mention *Foeniculum vulgare* Mill. [this is a valid name]; compare on this plant: Flückiger and Hanbury 274–276.

³⁴⁴ Described at 2.2.1090–1093; *nīlofar – indīvara*. Compare *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.151. Achundow 279 (552): *nīlūfar*, *Nymphaea alba* [valid name: *Nymphaea alba* Linn.]. Ainslie II, 410–411: *Nelumbium Speciosum* (Willd.) [valid name: *Nelumbo nucifera* Gaertn. = *Nelumbium speciosum* Willd.]. Al-Biruni 323–324 (31): *nīlūfar* and 327 (71): *Nymphaea caerulea* L. [valid name: *Nymphaea caerules* Savigny] and *N. lotus* L. [this is a valid name] . var. *alba*. Al-Kindi: absent. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa III, 2159–2173: *Nelumbium speciosum* Willd. Daljīt Siṁha 129: *nīlūfar*, *Nelumbo nucifera* Gaertn. [this is a valid name] (Sanskrit *padma*, *kamala*). Hamdard: absent. Hand Book 347–354: *Nymphaea alba* Linn. Hand Book 241 records also as a corrective *Berberis aristata* DC. Schlimmer 407: *Nymphaeae (seu Ipomeae) cyanosae semen*, *nilloufar*. Schmucker 516–517: *nīnūfar*, *nīlūfar*, *Nymphaea* spp. E. Wiedemann II, 300: *nailūfar*, *Nymphaea*. The substitutes mentioned in the *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.56) are *khubbājī* and *nīlofar*. The author

*bajrulliśādaḥ*³⁴⁵ / *tukhmatarātejaka*³⁴⁶ – *candraśūraḥ*³⁴⁷ / *hālom*³⁴⁸

2.2.183–184:

rūkṣoṣṇam triguṇam mūtrakṛcchraghnam vīryavardhanam /
baladām puṣṭidam vātavyādhidhvamsanakāraṇam //
katīrā darpahārī syān mātrā syād diramdvayam /
gandanā badala jñeyo lepād āghātatodanut //

It is dry and hot to the third degree.³⁴⁹ It removes dysuria (*mūtrakṛcchra*),³⁵⁰ increases manly vigour (*vīrya*), provides strength and a well-nourished appearance,³⁵¹ causes the disappearance of wind diseases (*vātavyādhī*).³⁵²

of the *Siddhabhaiṣajyamañjūṣā* prescribes *khubbājī* (*kāsa* 17). The plant is employed as *khabbājī* in Viśeśvaradayālū's *Siddhaprayogalatikā* (45). See on *Nelumbium speciosum*: Dymock et al. I, 70–73.

³⁴⁵ Achundow 183–184 (129): *ḥurf*, *Lepidium sativum* [valid name: *Lepidium sativum* Linn.], Gartenkresse; das *Hurf*, auch *Habbul-raschād* genannt. Ainslie I, 95: *rīshād*, the Arabic name of the garden cress, *Lepidium sativum* (Lin.). Al-Kindi 257–258 (73): *ḥurf*, *ḥabb ar-rashād*, *Lepidium sativum* L. Daljīt Simhā 726: *habburriśāda*, an Arabic name of *Lepidium sativum* L. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 484: *ḥurf*, *rashād*, *Nasturtium officinale* [valid name: *Nasturtium officinale* W.T.Aiton]. Schmucker: absent.

³⁴⁶ Ainslie I, 95: *turah-tezuk*, the Persian name of the garden cress. Al-Biruni 125 (52): *ḥurf*, *tukhm-i-tirah-tizak* and 135 (47): *Lepidium sativum* L. Daljīt Simhā 226: *tukhmatara-hatejaka*, a Persian name of *Lepidium sativum* L. Schlimmer 343: *Lepidium sativum*, *tarahtizak*. The drug called *tukhma tarahatejaka* is mentioned at 2.2.710, but not explained in the comments.

³⁴⁷ Mentioned for the first time in the *Bhāvaprakāśanighaṇṭu*, *harītakyādivarga* 96–97 and identified as *Lepidium sativum* Linn. Known to many later āyurvedic texts. See on *Lepidium sativum*: Dymock et al. I, 120–121.

³⁴⁸ Ainslie I, 95: *hālim*, Duk. name of the garden cress. Daljīt Simhā 726–727: *hālim*, *hālom*, Hindī names of *Lepidium sativum* L. Schmucker 163–164 (239): *ḥurf*, *Lepidium sativum* L. Yādavaśarman (91): *hālom* is the Hindī name of *Lepidium sativum*. Dymock et al. I, 120: *halim* is a Hindī name of *Lepidium sativum*.

³⁴⁹ Achundow 183 (129): hot and dry to the end of the second degree. Daljīt Simhā 226: the same.

³⁵⁰ See on this disease *Mādhavanidāna* 30.

³⁵¹ Daljīt Simhā 226: it is *puṣṭikara*, gives a well-nourished appearance. *Bhāvaprakāśa-nighaṇṭu*, *harītakyādivarga* 76–77: *balapuṣṭivivardhana*. *Soḍhalanighaṇṭu*, *Guṇasamgraha* 291cd–292ab: *balya*, *puṣṭikṛt*.

³⁵² *Bhāvaprakāśanighaṇṭu*, *harītakyādivarga* 76–77: *vātagadadveśin*. *Soḍhalanighaṇṭu*,

Its corrective is *katīrā*³⁵³ and its dose two *dirham*.

Its substitute is *gandanā*, which drives away, as an ointment, pricking pain due to a blow.

*bajrulfajala*³⁵⁴ *tukhmaturaba*³⁵⁵ – *mūlakabījam*.³⁵⁶

2.2.191–194:

uṣṇam ekaguṇam rūkṣam dviguṇam pīvaram varam /
mukayī mukavī śaktī 2 mātrā diram 2 yugmakam //
śleṣmātakam ca kaśanīj śarkarā darpahāriṇaḥ //
badal havvariśāda syād yakṛddoṣakaram bahu //
mukhyavyaṅgam ca sidhmānaṁ kuṣṭham nānāvidham kṣatam /
miskālayugmaṁ duṣṭānāṁ kīṭānāṁ viṣanāśanam //
rajaḥpravartakam doṣotpādakam yakṛto bhavet //

The heading employs two different words for seed: *badhr* and *tukhm*; this means that the verses are about the seeds of *fujl* and *turub*.

It is hot to the first degree,³⁵⁷

Duṇasamgraha 291cd–292ab: *vātaśūlaghna*.

³⁵³ Achundow 184: the corrective is almond oil.

³⁵⁴ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.203: Arabic name *fajl*. Achundow 238 (419) and 386 (315): *fudschl*, *Raphanus sativus* [valid name: *Raphanus sativus* Linn.]. Ainslie: absent. Al-Biruni 249 (11): *fujl* and 258 (20): *Raphanus sativus* L. Al-Kindi: absent. Daljīt Simḥa 510: the Arabic name is *bajrulfujl*. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 554: *fujl*, *Raphanus vulgaris* [this is not a valid name]. Schmucker 315 (522): *Raphanus sativus* L., Arabic name: *fujl*. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, V, 103: *fazl* is the Arabic name of *Raphanus sativus* Linn.

³⁵⁵ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.203: Persian name *turb*. Daljīt Simḥa 510: the Persian name is *tukhme turb*. Schlimmer 481: Persian name of *Raphanus sativus*: *turub*. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, V, 103: the drug *Turb* consists of fresh root of *Raphanus sativus* Linn.

³⁵⁶ The seeds of *mūlaka*, the Sanskrit name of *Raphanus sativus* Linn. See on the plant: Dymock et al. I. 129–130.

³⁵⁷ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.203–204: *mūlaka* and its seeds are hot to the second degree. Achundow 238: it is hot. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, V, 104: idem. It is, when boiled (*svinna*), hot according to the *Dhanvantariyanighaṇṭu* (4.34). The *Kaiyadevanighaṇṭu* (*oṣadhivarga* 670) and *Rājanighaṇṭu* (7.52) regard it as hot. The *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* (158) calls it hot in all stages: *bāla*, *pakva*, *jīrṇa*. Yādavaśarman 91–92: hot in *Yānānī*.

dry to the second degree;³⁵⁸ a thick one is the best. It possesses two faculties, vomitive (*muqayyi'*)³⁵⁹ and restorative (*muqavī'*).³⁶⁰

Its dose is two *dirham*.

A contrary effect³⁶¹ have *śleṣmātaka*,³⁶² *kaśanīj* and sugar. *havvariśāda*³⁶³ is its substitute, (but this drug) causes considerable damage to the liver. *mūlaka* seeds annihilate brown spots on the face (*vyaṅga*),³⁶⁴ *sidhma*,³⁶⁵ the various kinds of *kuṣṭha*, and wounds, as well as the poison of corrupted *kīṭas*³⁶⁶ in a dose of two *miskāl*. It promotes the appearance of the menses³⁶⁷ and brings about disorders of the liver.³⁶⁸

³⁵⁸ Unani Pharmacopoeia I, V. 104: idem. Yādavaśarman (91–92): dry in Yūnāmī. *Abhinavanighāṇu*, p.203–204: *mūlaka* is moist to the first degree, but its seeds are dry.

³⁵⁹ Confirmed by the *Abhinavanighāṇu* (p.204): the seeds are called *vamanaprada*.

³⁶⁰ Unani Pharmacopoeia 104: its actions are *mulattif* (attenuant), *hazim* (digestive), *kasir-e riyah* (carminative), *mudirre baul* (diuretic), *mohallile warme tihal* (*muḥallil* warm-e-tihāl, resolvent with regard to swelling of the spleen). The correct spelling of *hazim* is *hāḍīm*, also interpreted as digestive in the Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine (432). Yādavaśarman (92): *pācana*, *mūtrala*, *plīhaśothanāśana* in Yūnāmī. The *Nighāṇtūratnākara* (158) calls it *pācaka*. Actions of *mūlaka* according to the *Abhinavanighāṇu* (p.203): *āhārko pācanakartā* (digestive), *bavāśirko lābhaprada* (useful against haemorrhoids), *vṛkka aur bastikī patharīko ṭorkar nikālnevalī*, (breaking and expelling stones in kidney and bladder), *pīliyāko lābhaprada* (useful in cases of jaundice), *vātala* (productive of wind), etc.; actions of the seeds: *śothako layakartā* (resolving swellings), etc. Compare on the actions: *Kaiyadevanighāṇu*, *oṣadhivarga* 669–674ab.

³⁶¹ The *Abhinavanighāṇu* (p.203) mentions salt and *jīraka* as the correctives.

³⁶² Daljīt Simhā 616–617: Persian name *sipistām*, *Cordia obliqua* Willd. [this is a valid name] and *Cordia myxa* L. [valid name: *Cordia dichotoma* G.Forst. = *Cordia myxa* sensu Cl.]. Compare the comments ad 2.2.604–606: *sarpistāna* – *sagapistāna* – *sipistām* / *śleṣmātakah*.

³⁶³ Achundow: absent. Hamdard 102: *Solanum gracilipes* [valid name: *Solanum gracilipes* Decne.].

³⁶⁴ See on *vyaṅga*: *Mādhavanidāna* 55.39–40ab. The reading *mukhya* may be an error for *mukha*. Confirmed by the *Abhinavanighāṇu* (p.204): *mukhakī śyāmatā*, *jhātī aur kālē dāgoṁko dūr karnevāle*.

³⁶⁵ This affection of the skin, one of the forms of *kuṣṭha*, is often identified as pityriasis versicolor; see G. Jan Meulenbeld (1999) IB, 108, n.189.

³⁶⁶ The *Dhanvantarīyanighāṇu* (4.35) calls it *viśahara*, expelling poison.

³⁶⁷ *Abhinavanighāṇu*, p.203: *ārtavaprapartak hai*.

³⁶⁸ The *Abhinavanighāṇu* (p.203) records another opinion about *mūlaka*: *yakṛtke rodhakī*

The heading learns that the drug to be described consists of the seeds of *mūlaka*, *Raphanus sativus* Linn. Two Persian names of this plant are given: *fujl*³⁶⁹ and *turub*.³⁷⁰

The degrees of action are mentioned first. Two weights are referred to: *dirham*³⁷¹ and *miskāl*.³⁷²

Contrary effects have *śleśmātaka*,³⁷³ *kāsanīj*,³⁷⁴ and sugar.

udghāṭak hai, and its seeds: *yakṛtkī śītaśothako guṇprada*.

³⁶⁹ See Biruni 249 (11): *fujl* and 258 (20): *Raphanus sativus* L.

³⁷⁰ *tukhm-e-turub* = radish seeds.

³⁷¹ The weight of the standard *dirham* is 3.125 g (see H. Kamal, 444).

³⁷² The *mithqāl* weighs 4.464 (see H. Kamal, 444) or 4.60 g (see Schlimmer, 465). The *miskāla* is defined at 2.2.11cd.

³⁷³ This is an āyurvedic drug, often identified as *Cordia gharaf* Ehrenberg ex Asch. [valid name: *Cordia sinensis* Lam. = *Cordia gharaf* Ehrenberg ex Asch.], but also as *Cordia dichotoma* G. Forst. [this is a valid name], *Cordia obliqua* Willd. [this is a valid name] var. *tomentosa* (Wall.) Kazmi, and *Cordia obliqua* Willd. var. *obliqua*. See on *Cordia myxa* and *Cordia obliqua*: Dymet al. II, 518–519.

³⁷⁴ *kāsanīj* may be the same as *kāsanī* or *kasnāj*, Persian names of *Cichorium intybus* Linn. [this is a valid name]. Achundow (282) describes *Cichorium intybus* under the Arabic name of *hindubā*, adding that its Persian name is *kasnī*; 408 (425): *hindabā*, *kasnī*. The Hand Book (222) gives similar information: Arabic name *hindba*, Urdu and Hindī name: *kasni*. Al-Biruni II, 60: *karwah*, *hidubā'*, *Cichorium intybus* L. Al-Kindi 342–343 (315): *hundabā'*, *Cichorium endivia* L. [this is a valid name]; compare 244 (40): *baql*, *Cichorium endivia* L. and 301 (188): *ṭalkhṣhaqūq*, *Cichorium*, species not certain. Āyurvedīyavīsvakoṣa (IV, 122–123) interprets *kāsanī*, called *hindabā* in Arabic, as *Cichorium Endivia* Linn. Daljīt Simḥa 165–167: *Cichorium intybus* Linn., Persian names *kāsanī*, *kasnāj*. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 152: *hindibā*, *Cichorium intybus*. Hamdard 372–373: *kasni* is the Persian, *hindiba* the Arabic name of *Cichorium intybus* Linn. Hand Book 222–230. Schlimmer 137: *kāsnī*. Schmucker 524–525: *hindabā*, *Cichorium endivia* L. or *Cichorium intybus* L. Unani Pharmacopoeia II, II, 265: *tukhm-e-kasni*, the seeds of *Cichorium intybus* Linn. E. Wiedemann II, 391: *hindibā*, Zichorie, Endivie, heiszt persisch *kāsnī*. See on *Cichorium intybus*: Dymock et al. II, 311–313. The author of the nineteenth-century *Siddhabheṣajamāṇimālā* is acquainted with *kāsintī* (2.45), as well as the author of the twentieth-century *Siddhabhaiṣajyamañjūṣā* (*jvara* 125).

The substitute³⁷⁵ is a *habbat*, a pill containing *riśāda*.³⁷⁶ One part of section two (2.2.368–391) is wholly devoted to many kinds of pills.³⁷⁷

commentary:

vahaka sidhmā saiva. kalafa namaśa. vyāṅgam āsyasamudbhavam. jhāīm iti loke.

The commentary provides the Persian word for (the skin disease called) *sidhma*, i.e., *vahaka* first, followed by words for *vyāṅga*: *kalaf*, freckle, and *namash* = being marked with spots on the skin, exact equivalents for the Sanskrit *vyāṅga*. It adds that *vyāṅga* arises on the face and that it is commonly known as *jhāīm*.³⁷⁸

³⁷⁵ The *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.203) mentions *śalgam* as the substitute. See on this plant: Achundow 223 (340): *schaldscham*, *Brassica Rapa*; Al-Biruni 356–357 (53): *shaljam* and 372, n.111: turnip, *Brassica campestris* Linn. [this is a valid name]; Daljīt Simḥa 637: Persian name *śalgam*, Arabic and Hindī name *salgam*, *Brassica rapa* Linn. [this is a valid name]; Schmucker 270 (436): *shaljam*, *Brassica rapa* Linn.; Unani Pharmacopoeia I, III, 99–102: Arabic name *luft*, Persian name *shalghum*, *Brassica rapa* Linn. Its Sanskrit name is *sarṣapa*. See on *Brassica campestris* and other species of *Brassica* called *sarṣapa*: Dymock et al. I, 122–129.

³⁷⁶ Absent from *vargas* 2.10 and 3.5.

³⁷⁷ See on pills: Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 173–174.

³⁷⁸ The Hindī word for freckle is indeed *jhāī*.

balelaja³⁷⁹ valelayah / vibhītah³⁸⁰ - baherā³⁸¹

2.2.246–247:

*sīśiro dviguṇam rūkṣas triguṇam śleṣmaśoṣanah /
dr̥ṣṭiprasādano duṣṭa uttarārdhe ‘sya varṣmanah //
darpaghnam aṅgavīna syāt śarbat pañja 5 diram bhavet /
badal jaṅgī śivākhyaṭā pratīcībhiṣajāṇi mate //*

It is cold to the second degree and dry to the third degree³⁸² and dries up *kapha*.³⁸³

It clears eyesight³⁸⁴ when the upper half of this body is corrupted.³⁸⁵
Its corrective is *aṅgavīna*³⁸⁶ as a potion in a dose of five *dirham*.

³⁷⁹ Achundow 166–167: *balīladsch*, *Terminalia belerica* Roxb. [valid name: *Terminalia belirica* (Gaertn.) Roxb. Ainslie I, 236–237: Persian name *balaylah*. Al-Biruni 76–77 (30): *balīlaj*, and 85 (76): *Terminalia belerica* Roxb. Al-Kindi: absent. Daljīt Simḥa 504–505: Persian names: *balīlaj*, *balailaj*, *Terminalia bellirica* (Gaertn.) Roxb. Hamdard: absent. Hand Book: absent. Schlimmer: 394: *balīlāh*, myrobalani bellericæ. Schmucker 120: *balīlaj*, *Terminalia bellerica* Roxb. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, I, 17–18: *balelaj*, *Terminalia belerica* Roxb.

³⁸⁰This is the Sanskrit name of *Terminalia bellirica* (Gaertn.) Roxb. See on this plant: Dymock et al. II, 5–11.

³⁸¹*baherā* is the Hindī name of *Terminalia bellirica*.

³⁸²*Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.172: cold to the first and dry to the second degree. Achundow 166–167: cold and dry to the end of the first degree. Daljīt Simḥa 505: cold to the first and dry to the second degree. *Kaiyadevanighaṇṭu*, *oṣadhibhava* 243–244: hot and dry. *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* 1.213–214: hot and dry according to some. *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* 139: hot and dry.

³⁸³*Kaiyadevanighaṇṭu*, *oṣadhibhava* 243: *kaphāpaha*. *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* 1.214: *kaphajit* according to some. *Nighaṇṭuratnākara*: it is *kaphanud*.

³⁸⁴Daljīt Simḥa 505: it increases eyesight (*dr̥ṣṭivardhak*). *Kaiyadevanighaṇṭu*, *oṣadhibhava* 244: *caksusya*. *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* 1.213: *akṣirogaghna*. *Rājanighantu* 11.324: *cakṣuṣya*. *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* 139: it is *cakṣuṣya*, *netrarug nāśakam*. Compare *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.172: it is called *svacchatāprada*.

³⁸⁵Compare on the actions: *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.172–173: *āmāśayabalapradā*, *pittajamalkā recak*, *mastiṣkabalapradā*. Achundow 167. Daljīt Simḥa 505. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, I, 18: *muqawwi-e-medā* (stomachic), *qabiz* (astringent), *munaffis-e-balgham* (expectorant), *muqawwi-e-dimagh* (brain tonic), *muqawwi-e-basar* (promoting eyesight).

³⁸⁶The *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.172) lists *khāṇḍa* and honey. Daljīt Simḥa (505) mentions honey and sugar.

Its substitute is honey (*angabīn*) according to the opinion of western physicians.³⁸⁷

*bilādara*³⁸⁸ *bhallātakaḥ*³⁸⁹ *bhilāṁvem*³⁹⁰

2.2.248:

*rūkṣoṣṇas trigunam vahnijvālātīkṣṇo hy aruṣkarah /
kāmasaṁdīpano retovṛddhidah puṣtidah parah
valīpalitakhālityajara jīrṇāḥ karoty asau //*

*aruṣkara*³⁹¹ is dry and hot to the third degree³⁹² and harsh like a flame of fire. It excites sexual desire,³⁹³ increases the amount of semen,³⁹⁴ and gives a

³⁸⁷The *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.172) lists āmalakī and kālī harar. Daljīt Simha (505) mentions the flower buds of *mehndī*, *Lawsonia inermis* Linn.

³⁸⁸The Arabic and Persian names are *bilādur* or *balādur*. *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.187: Persian name *balādar*, Arabic names *habbulkam* and *habbulkalab*. Achundow 166 (73) and 353 (59): *belādur*. Ainslie II, 371–372: *bilādar*, *Semecarpus anacardium* (Lin.) [valid name: *Semecarpus anacardium* Linn.f.]. Al-Biruni 72 (18): *balādhār*, and 84, n.39: *Semecarpus anacardium* L.f. Daljīt Simha 553–555: *Semecarpus anacardium* Linn.f., Persian names *balādur*, *bilādur*. Hand Book: absent. Schlimmer 37 (*Anacardii longifolii semen*, *bēlador*). Schmucker 117 (137): *balādhur*, *Semecarpus anacardium* L. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, IV, 15: Arabic name: *ḥabb-ul-fahm*, *ḥabb-ul-qalb*, Persian name: *baladur*.

³⁸⁹This is the Sanskrit name of *Semecarpus anacardium* Linn.f. See on this tree: Dymock et al. I, 389–392.

³⁹⁰The usual Hindī name is *bhilāvām*.

³⁹¹This is one of the Sanskrit synonyms of *bhallātaka*.

³⁹²*Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.187: hot and dry to the second degree. Achundow (166) agrees. Daljīt Simha 553: the fruit is dry and hot to the fourth degree; its marrow is hot to the second degree and dry to the first degree. Some Āyurvedic texts regard the ripe fruit of *bhallātaka* as hot: *Bhāvaprakāśanighaṇṭu*, *harītakyādivarga* 229; *Dhanvantariyanighaṇṭu* 3.144; *Rājanighaṇṭu* 11.203. The *Kaiyadevanighaṇṭu* (*oṣadhivarga* 497) classifies the ripe fruit as cold and dry.

³⁹³This is an action of the marrow according to Daljīt Simha. The *Kaiyadevanighaṇṭu* (*oṣa-dhivarga* 55cd) and *Bhāvaprakāśanighaṇṭu* (*harītakyādivarga* 231) also describe the marrow as *vṛṣyā*.

³⁹⁴The *Kaiyadevanighaṇṭu* (*oṣadhivarga* 498) and *Bhāvaprakāśanighaṇṭu* (*harītakyādivarga* 232) call *bhallātaka* fruits in general *śukrala*, promoting the production of semen.

well-nourished appearance to a very high degree.³⁹⁵
It brings about the disappearance of wrinkles, grey hair, baldness and old age.³⁹⁶

commentary:

ustarakhā ‘*savah* śīrahśambaddhaceṣṭāvāhiniśirāśaithilyam, nāsiyāna farāmośī vismṛtiḥ, fālīja pakṣavadhaḥ lakkārditam, ity āmayān nihanti. prati-bhāviśeṣād buddhivilāsaḥ taduddīpakaḥ, hāfiḍā medhā taddrdhakaraś ca marjadamāgīratūbarājāyalārdānaś śiortigataśleśmāntakanivāraṇaḥ.

ustarakhā ‘*savah* is flaccidity of the channels connected to the head that transport movements, *nāsiyāna farāmośī*³⁹⁷ means loss of memory (*vismṛti*); *fālīja*³⁹⁸ is *pakṣavadha*,³⁹⁹ hemiplegia; *lakkā* is the same as *ardita*, facial paresis.⁴⁰⁰ It conquers these diseases.⁴⁰¹

Through a particular kind of understanding it stimulates playful actions of the mind (*buddhivilāsa*) and strengthens its retentive faculty (*hāfiḍa*).

³⁹⁵ Unani Pharmacopoeia I, IV, 16: its actions are: *muqawwi-e-asab* (*muqawwī-e-'aşab*, nerve tonic), *muqawwi-e-zahn wa hafiza* (*muqawwī-e-dhahn wa hāfiḍa*, tonic for the intelligence and memory.), *muqawwi-e-qalb* (cardiac tonic), *daf-e-amraz-e-balghami* (*daf-e-amrād-e-balgamī*, driving away diseases by phlegm). Actions enumerated in the *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.187): *garmīko utpannakartā* (generating warmth), *vāyuko layakartā* (annihilating wind), *pakṣavadha*, *ardita*, *kampa*, *mūtrakṛcchrako lābhā-prada* (it is beneficial in cases of hemiplegia, facial paresis, tremor, and dysuria), *ojko barhānevālā* (increasing the amount of *ojas*). It cures diseases by phlegm according to the *Bhāvaprakāśanighaṇṭu* (*harītakyādivarga* 232), *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* (3.144) and *Rājanighaṇṭu* (11.203).

³⁹⁶ Compare *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.187; it brings about *samnipāta* and insanity.

³⁹⁷ Persian *nisyānī* and *farāmoshī* mean forgetfulness, oblivion.

³⁹⁸ *fālīj* is a Persian term for paralysis.

³⁹⁹ See on *pakṣavadha*: *Mādhavanidāna* 22.39cd–41.

⁴⁰⁰ See on *ardita*: *Mādhavanidāna* 22.44–37; *Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa* I, 630–634.

⁴⁰¹ Achundow 166 (73): es nützt gegen Lähmungen, Facialis paralyse, und Gedächtnisschwäche. Daljīt Śīṁha 553: the fruit increases the memory (*smṛtivardhaka*). Al-Biruni (72): its confection, *ma'jun anqrūyā* is especially useful in diseases due to paralysis, nerve and facial paralyses, and amnesia. Hamdard 258: *ma'juns* are semisolids prepared from the *qiwan* (sugar syrup) of white sugar or honey and a medicinal *sufuf* (powdered drug). See on the preparation of a *qiwan*: Hamdard 302. Āyurvedic texts mention that *bhallātaka* cures wind diseases: *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* 3.144; *Rājanighaṇṭu* 11.203.

It averts⁴⁰² coldness (*ratūba*) of the region (*marz*) of the brain (*dimāg*) and wards off phlegm that stays in the head and causes headache.⁴⁰³

2.2.249:

atiyuktas tu saudāvī marjasampādako drutam / janūna cittavikṣepo jujām vātāsranāmakam //

Overuse quickly brings about diseases (*mard*) of black bile. *janūna*⁴⁰⁴ is the same as absence of mind (*cittavikṣepa*),⁴⁰⁵ *jujām* is *vātāsra*.⁴⁰⁶

commentary:

tadvidhāyakaś cāpi sparśataḥ śothakanḍūkarah. nāgaroddhūlanam ca kanḍūśothakledaśoṣanam ca. atyanta upaviṣasadrśah.

Handling it, even by touching, brings about swelling and itching
Sprinkling with dried (and powdered) ginger dries up itching, swelling and exudations (*kleda*).

It resembles very much a secondary poison (*upaviṣa*).⁴⁰⁷

2.2.250:

nārikelatilasāhacaryato yadvad aṅkuśavaśīkṛto gajah / kim ca gavyaghṛtasevanam mahākopahārī gaditam bhiṣagvaraiḥ //

Accompanied by coconut and sesame it (subdues) in the same way as the elephant-driver's hook (subdues) an elephant.

Excellent physicians also declare that a violent excitation is eliminated by the use of cow's ghee.⁴⁰⁸

commentary:

athavā havvasamanaya rogan bādām vihīdānā mātrā 1 adada.

⁴⁰² *Jardānad* is an error for *gardānad* from the Persian verb *gardānīdan*.

⁴⁰³ The meaning of *rājāya* is not clear.

⁴⁰⁴ *junūn* means madness.

⁴⁰⁵ Achundow 166: es kann zur Verrücktheit führen. Al-Biruni: it stimulates melancholia. Daljīt Simḥa 554: it causes insanity (*unmādajanaka*).

⁴⁰⁶ *vātāsra* is the disease usually called *vātarakta*; see about it, for example, *Mādhavanidāna* 23. Achundow 166: es kann das Blut verbrennen.

⁴⁰⁷ Al-Biruni 72: it is counted among the poisons.

⁴⁰⁸ Compare Achundow 166; Daljīt Simḥa 554.

Or *havvasamanaya*,⁴⁰⁹ almond oil, and seeds of *vihī* in the dose of 1 unit.⁴¹⁰

*bīla*⁴¹¹ *śrīphala*⁴¹² – *anāra*.⁴¹³ **Hindī** *bilvam*⁴¹⁴

2.2.251–252:

samaṁ sarvātmanā sadyo ‘tīsāragrahaṇīharam /
vātaghnām antarbalakṛc chirāpāruṣyanāśanam //
sevanād dhanti satataṁ chardipakṣavadhārditam /
mātrā diramayugmam 2 syād darpaghno dīpyakah smṛtaḥ //

It is completely neutral.⁴¹⁵

⁴⁰⁹ See 2.2.370–371ab: *havvasamanaya* / *priyālamajjā* / *ciromjī*. This tree is identified as *Buchanania lanza* Spreng., called *priyāla* in Sanskrit and *ciromjī* in Hindī. Daljīt Simḥa (301) gives as its Persian name *habbussimanā*.

⁴¹⁰ The *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.187) mentions as correctives: *tājā nāriyal* (fresh coconut), *safed til* (white sesame grains), and *jau* (barley); it mentions as substitutes: oil of *bilsām* and *findak*. See on the oil of *bilsām*: *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.215.

⁴¹¹ Al-Biruni 71 (16): *bull*, an unidentified Indian medicine. Hamdard 356–357: *bel* is the Urdu name of *Aegle marmelos* Corr.; Schmucker 117 (136): Arabic *bul*, Persian *bil* or *bīl*: *Aegle marmelos* Corr. Daljīt Simḥa (539) gives *beh hindī* as the Persian name, but Achundow (381: 279) identifies *bih-i-hindī* as *Cydonia indica* [valid name: *Cydonia indica* Spach.].

⁴¹² One of the Sanskrit names of the *bilva* fruit.

⁴¹³ This name is remarkable; it usually designates a pomegranate.

⁴¹⁴ Generally identified as *Aegle marmelos* (Linn.) Corrēa. Compare on this tree: Dymock et al. I, 277–281; Flückiger and Hanbury 116–118; Hobson-Jobson 47.

⁴¹⁵ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.183–184: hot to the first and dry to the second degree. Daljīt Simḥa 539: cold to the second degree and dry to the third degree. *Carakasamhitā*, *Sūtrasthāna*: hot and moist. *Kaiyadevanighaṇṭu*, *oṣadhivarga* 21cd–22ab: hot and moist. *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* 1.109 and *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* 139: the fruit is hot. The *Rājanighaṇṭu* (11.138) describes the ripe fruit as hot. *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* 139: the fruit is dry.

It immediately cures diarrhoea and chronic diarrhoea.⁴¹⁶

It annihilates wind,⁴¹⁷ gives strength to the interior (of the body), and removes roughness of the vessels.

By using it one is always freed from vomiting, hemiplegia and facial paresis. Its dose is two *dirham*,⁴¹⁸ its corrective is *dīpyaka*.⁴¹⁹

commentary:

pratinidhiḥ samgrahane viṣaye tukhmatamara hindī.

Its substitute as to its astringency consists of the seeds of the tamarind.⁴²⁰

⁴¹⁶ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.183–184: *baddhak*, *jīrṇātisār kā baddhak*. Daljīt Simḥa (539) agrees. The *Dhanvantariyanighaṇṭu* (1.108–110) calls the unripe fruit astringent (*saṃgrāhin*) and the ripe fruit constipating (*viṣṭambhakara*). The fruit cures diarrhoea according to the *Rājanighaṇṭu* (11.136), which treatise also calls the unripe and ripe fruit astringent. The *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* (139) describes the young fruit as *grahanyatīsāraṇāśaka* and the ripe fruit as *viṣṭambhakārīn*. The flowers cure diarrhoea according to the *Kaiyadevanighaṇṭu* (*oṣadhivarga* 23cd). See also Flückiger and Hanbury 116–118.

⁴¹⁷ *Carakasaṃhitā*, *Sūtrasthāna* 27.138: the young fruit is *vātajit*. The unripe fruit cures wind diseases: *Dhanvantariyanighaṇṭu* 1.109. *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* (139): the *taruṇa* fruit is described as *kaphavāyoś ca nāśakam*. The ripe fruit conquers the three *doṣas*: *Rājanighaṇṭu* 11.138. The *Kaiyadevanighaṇṭu* regards the young fruit as *vātakaphāpaha* and the ripe fruit as *doṣala* (*oṣadhivarga* 22ab and 23ab).

⁴¹⁸ Daljīt Simḥa: two to three gm. The Unani Pharmacopoeia (I, I, 21–22); idem.

⁴¹⁹ *dīpyaka* is a synonym of *ajamodā*, *Apium graveolens* Linn. *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.184: *khāṇḍa* is the corrective. Daljīt Simḥa II, 539: sugar is its substitute.

⁴²⁰ *Tamarindus indica* Linn. [this is a valid name], *thamar hindī*. Achundow 173 (90) and 354–355 (75). Ainslie I, 425–428 and II, 327. Al-Biruni II, 98. Al-Kindi 251 (58): *thamar hindī*, *Tamarindus indica* L. Daljīt Simḥa: absent. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 639: *tamr hindī*, *Tamarindus indica*. Schlimmer 528: *tamr hindī*. Schmucker 131–132 (173): *tamr hindī*, *Tamarindus indica* L. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, VI, 81: *tamar hīndī* consists of the fruit pulp without seeds of *Tamarindus indica* Linn. See on tamarind in the Muslim world: E. Wiedemann II, 106. Compare on the tamarind: Dymock et al. I, 532–536; Flückiger and Hanbury 197–200; Hobson-Jobson 894–895; Maclean 873–874.

*tamarahindi*⁴²¹ / *amlika*⁴²² / *imli*⁴²³

2.2.300–303:

*pakvā pītā praśastā syād ārdrā śītā guṇatrayam /
rūkṣā ca dviguṇam dagdhadoṣāṇām syād virecanī //
viśeṣataś ca pittaghnī kṣutprabodhakarī punah /
pakvāśayasya balakṛd vāntitṛṣṇānivāriṇī //
vaikalyam varṣmamanasoh kāmalām hr̥drujam jayet /
atiyuktā phupphusasya doṣakṛt samudīritā //
muslih śarbat banafṣā yā śarbat khaśkhāśa vā punah /
safarā mustarik dagdham pittam proktam bhiṣagvaraiḥ //*

The ripe fruit is recommended in a potion. When fresh, it is cold to the third degree and dry to the second degree.⁴²⁴ It eliminates burnt *doṣas*.⁴²⁵ It counteracts in particular *pitta*⁴²⁶ and stimulates a feeling of hunger. It gives strength to the receptacle of digested food⁴²⁷ and wards off vomiting⁴²⁸ and thirst.⁴²⁹ It overcomes weakness of body and mind, jaundice and pain in the cardiac region.⁴³⁰

⁴²¹ Unani Pharmacopoeia I, VI, 81: *tamar hindi* consists of the fruit pulp without seeds of *Tamarindus indica* Linn.

⁴²² Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa I, 511–517: the Sanskrit name of *Tamarindus Indica* Linn.

⁴²³ Unani Pharmacopoeia I, VI, 81: the Urdu name.

⁴²⁴ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.21: cold to the first and dry to the second degree. Achundow 173 (90); cold and dry to the second degree. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa I, 514: cold and dry to the second degree; others are of the opinion that it is cold to the first and dry to the second degree or cold and dry to the third degree. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, VI, 82: hot and moist.

⁴²⁵ Confirmed by the *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.21: *dagdha doṣom ko atīsār dvārā recankartā*.

⁴²⁶ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.21: *pitta ko recankartā*. Achundow 173 (90): unterdrückt die gelbe Galle. The *Dhanvantariyanighaṇṭu* (1.34) and *Rājanighaṇṭu* (11.38) differ and call it *pittakṛt*.

⁴²⁷ Confirmed by the *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.21: *āmāśay ko balaprada*.

⁴²⁸ Achundow 173 (90): besiegt das Erbrechen. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa I, 514: *apnī samgrāhī śakti se vaman kā nirodh kartī hai*, it suppresses vomiting by its astringent action. Confirmed by The Unani Pharmacopoeia (I, VI, 82), which also mentions polydipsia and nausea.

⁴²⁹ Achundow 173 (90) and 354–355: stillt den Durst. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa I, 514: *apnī śītalatā ke kāraṇ pipāsāhar hai*, it suppresses thirst by its coldness.

⁴³⁰ The actions are according to The Unani Pharmacopoeia (I, VI, 82): *mushil-e-safra* (pur-

Overuse excites disorders of the lungs.⁴³¹

The corrective is a potion (*sharbat*) of violets or also of poppy seeds.⁴³²

The best of physicians declare that *safarā mustarik* is burnt bile.

commentary:

andoha manovaikalyam khariśa kaṇḍūḥ param tannāśinī ca. yarkām kāmalā, mātrā diram 7/10 badal ujjāsa.

andoha is mental weakness,⁴³³ *khārīsh* is itching; it annihilates these completely. *yarkām* is jaundice.⁴³⁴

The dose is 7–10 *dirham*.⁴³⁵

Its substitute is *ujjāsa*.⁴³⁶

gative of yellow bile) and *musakkin* (relieving/sedative).

⁴³¹ Achundow 173 (90): ist schädlich für die Lungen.

⁴³² *Abhinavanighantu*, p.21: correctives are *unnāb* and *banafsā*. The Āyurvedīyavīsvakoṣa (I, 514) mentions as correctives: *khaśkhaś*, *banafsā*, *unnāb*, or something sweet.

⁴³³ Compare the commentary ad 2.2.629: *kaya gaśiyāna andoha tiśnagī ārada*, (i.e., in Sanskrit) *vāntyutkledavaikalyodanyāpradam ityarthah*, it brings about (*prada*, *ārad*) thirst (*udanyā*, *tiśnagī*) due to the weakness (*vaikalya*, *andoha*) on account of the moisture (*utkleda*, *gaśiyāna*) (lost) by vomiting (*vānti*, *kaya*).

⁴³⁴ See on jaundice in āyurveda: *Mādhavanidāna* 8.17–23. See on jaundice (*yaraqān*) in Islamic medicine: Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 381–382.

⁴³⁵ Unani Pharmacopoeia I, VI, 82: dose 4–10 gm.

⁴³⁶ Probably the same as *ijjās*. Achundow 142 (2): *idschās*, *Prunus*, Pflaume. Al Biruni I, 17–18: *ijjās* and 56 (40): plum, *Prunus domestica* L. [this is a valid name]. Al Biruni II, 70: *ijjās*, pear tree, *Pyrus communis* Linn. [this is a valid name]. Al-Kindi 225: *ijjās*, plum. Daljīt Simḥa 61–62 (49): *ijjās*, *Prunus domestica* Linn. Schmucker 54 (7): *ijjās*, *Prunus domestica* L. The Āyurvedīyavīsvakoṣa (I, 514) mentions *ālubukhārā* as a substitute. See on this item: II, 1198–1203: *Prunus communis* Huds. [this is a valid name] and *Prunus insititia* Huds. var. *bokariensis* [valid name: *Prunus insititia* Linn.]. It is mentioned in the *Siddhabhaiṣajyamañjūṣā* (trṣṇā 1) as *ālūvakhāraphala*. See on this tree: Dymock et al. I, 568–570.

*cobacīnī*⁴³⁷

2.2.349–351

rūkṣoṣṇā cottamā garkīcobacīnī /
sohhan vicūrṇītā samyag rājārhā kāmavardhinī //
mātrā prayogayogyā syād dārcīnī badala smṛtah /
bandobasta-prayuktaikā khulāsā cāparā matā //
muraggam śoravā darpanodano ‘syāḥ prakīrtitah /
śleṣmānilaghñī hemante varṇyā kāntotsavārthadā //

*Garkīcobacīnī*⁴³⁸ is dry and hot to the highest degree.⁴³⁹

Properly powdered *sohhan*⁴⁴⁰ is an appropriate aphrodisiac for a king if administered in the proper dose.⁴⁴¹

The dose is that appropriate to the type of application.⁴⁴² The substitute is *dārcīnī*.⁴⁴³

⁴³⁷ Arabic and Persian names are omitted. Daljīt Simhā 312 records these names. *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.106: Sanskrit name *dvīpāntaravacā*, Persian name *cōvcīnī*, Arabic name *k̄hasbulsīnī*. Ainslie I, 70–72: Persian name *cob cīnī*, Arabic name *k̄hus̄hb šīnī*, *Smilax China* (Lin.). Daljīt Simhā 313: *Smilax glabra* Roxb. [this is a valid name], *Smilax lanceaefolia* Roxb. [this is a valid name], *Smilax macrophylla* Roxb. [this is a valid name]. Hand Book 64–70: *Smilax china* Linn. [this is a valid name]. Schlimmer 510: *Smilax china*, *cūbcīnī*. Yādavaśarman 365: Sanskrit name *dvīpāntaravacā*, Hindī name *cōbcīnī*, *Smilax china*. See on *Smilax*: Dymock et al., III, 500–503; Flückiger and Hanbury 639–647. Āyurvedic texts mention *cobacīnī* from the sixteenth century onwards: *Bhāvaprakāśa* (used in the treatment of syphilis), Harṣakīrtī’s *Yogacintāmaṇi* (323), etc. The name *dvīpāntaravacā* is found in the *Bhāvaprakāśanighaṇṭu* (*harītakyādi* 107–108), Mevārāma’s *Vaidyakaustubha* (7.102), etc.

⁴³⁸ The meaning of *garkī* is uncertain. *gharqī* = submerged.

⁴³⁹ Daljīt Simhā 313: hot to the first degree according to the Lahore physicians. Hand Book 68: hot and dry to the first degree. *Bhāvaprakāśanighaṇṭu*, *harītakyādivarga* 107: hot. *Nighanturatnākara*, quoted in the *Śāligrāmanighaṇṭubhūṣaṇa* (p.154): hot.

⁴⁴⁰ The meaning of this term is not clear.

⁴⁴¹ It is *vājīkara* according to Daljīt Simhā 313. It is *vṛṣya* according to the *Nighanturatnākara*, quoted in the *Śāligrāmanighaṇṭubhūṣaṇa* (p.154).

⁴⁴² The dose is 6 gm of the powdered roots/rhizome according to Hand Book 69.

⁴⁴³ *dārcīnī* is described at 2.2.498–503. *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.106: the substitute is *uśvā*. Substitute according to Hand Book 68: *ushba maghrabi*, *Smilax aristolochae-folia* Miller, a plant with the valid name *Smilax aristolochiifolia* Miller. Compare Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa II, 1654–1658: *uśbā maghrabī*, *Smilax officinalis* [valid name:

This is one method of application; *khulāṣā*⁴⁴⁴ is regarded as another one. Anointing (the body) (*muraggam*)⁴⁴⁵ with *śoravā*⁴⁴⁶ is proclaimed to be a corrective.⁴⁴⁷ It annihilates phlegm and wind in the winter season, is beneficial for a good colour of the skin and is suitable to the pleasure of lovers.⁴⁴⁸

*havvalgāra*⁴⁴⁹

2.2.375–377:

rūkṣoṣṇāṁ triguṇāṁ hikkāṁ pakṣāghātārditaṁ haret /
miskālayugalaṁ 2 mātrā śaithilyānāhanāśanam //
tamadduda migsarīhī phālija lakkāniśūdanam /
taddarpaghnaṁ bihīdānā guṇavedibhir ādṛtaḥ //
āmaśūlam koṣṭhavātām prāśanād dhanti satvaram /

Smilax regelii Killip et C.V.Morton = *Smilax officinalis* auct.] and *Smilax ornata* [*Smilax ornata* Hook. is a synonym of *Smilax regelii*]. Compare on *uśvā*: *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.24. This drug is known to the *Siddhabheṣajamaṇimālā* (4.477) as *usabbā*. The drugs called *usabā* (12.3), *usavā* (1.45) and *usavvā* (19.32) in the *Siddhaprayogalatikā* may be identical with *uśbā*.

⁴⁴⁴ *khulāṣā*, extract, essence.

⁴⁴⁵ This term may be derived from the verb *marakha*, to anoint.

⁴⁴⁶ *śorā* is the Persian name of nitrate of potash or saltpetre (Sheriff 206; Hand Book 483–485).

⁴⁴⁷ *Punica granatum* Linn., the pomegranate, is the corrective according to *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.106, and Hand Book 69.

⁴⁴⁸ Compare on the therapeutic uses: *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.106, Daljīt Simḥa and Hand Book 68.

⁴⁴⁹ Cf. Achundow 237 (413) and 386 (310): *ghār*, *Laurus nobilis* [valid name: *Laurus nobilis* Linn.]. Ainslie: absent. Al-Biruni II, 101: *ghār*, the laurel tree, *Lathyrus nobilis* L. [this is not a valid name]; I, 244: *habb al-ghār*, and 246, n.2: probably the larch tree, *Pinus pendula* [this is not a valid name]. Al-Kindi 308–309 (213): *ghār*, *Laurus nobilis* L. Daljīt Simḥa 245–247: Arabic name *habbulgār*, *Laurus nobilis* Linn. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 398: *ghār*, *Laurus nobilis*. Hamdard 397: *hab-ul-ghara* is the Persian name of *Laurus nobilis* Linn. Hand Book: absent. Schlimmer 342: *ghār*, laurier. Schmucker 310 (511): *ghār*, *Laurus nobilis* L. E. Wiedemann II, 376: *ghār*, Lorbeer. *Laurus nobilis* does not form part of the *materia medica* of classical āyurveda. See on *Laurus nobilis*: Dymock et al. III, 214–216. *habb*, plural *habūb* is the technical term for a pill; see on the preparation of pills: Hamdard 93–94.

badal bādāmatalūgha syād darpaghnam tamara smṛtam //

It is dry and hot to the third degree.⁴⁵⁰ It removes hiccup, hemiplegia⁴⁵¹ and facial paresis.⁴⁵² In a dose of two *miskāl* it cures laxity and hard bowels. It destroys stretching (of the body) (*tamaddud*),⁴⁵³ *migsarīhī*,⁴⁵⁴ hemiplegia (*fālij*)⁴⁵⁵ and facial paresis) (*lakkā*). The experts on the properties (of medicinal substances) esteem the seeds of *bihī*⁴⁵⁶ as its *darpaghna*.⁴⁵⁷ When ingested, it quickly cures colicky pain (*āmaśūla*) and wind in the intestines. Its substitute is almond *talūgha*⁴⁵⁸ and its *darpaghna* is the date (*tamar*).⁴⁵⁹

⁴⁵⁰ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.65: hot and dry to the third degree. Daljīt Simḥa 246: hot and dry to the second or third degree.

⁴⁵¹ In agreement with Daljīt Simḥa 246.

⁴⁵² In agreement with Daljīt Simḥa 246.

⁴⁵³ This term is explained in the commentary ad 2.2.458–459: *tamadduda taśantuja – dehasyādhmānasanykocau vātavikārau*, i.e., *tamaddud* and *taśannuj*, inflation and spasmodic contraction of the body are disorders (caused) by wind. The spelling *taśantuja* is also found at 2.2.1116.

⁴⁵⁴ Persian *magz* means brain; *rīh* is wind. This term may denote wind (disease) of the brain.

⁴⁵⁵ See the commentary on 2.2.355–356a: *fālijā* = *pakṣavadha*.

⁴⁵⁶ *Cydonia obliqua* Mill. = *Cydonia vulgaris* Pers., the quince. Quinces (*bihibīja*) are prescribed in the *Siddhaprayogalatikā* (8.19); according to the commentary the seeds (*bihidānā*) are meant. See on the quince: *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.180–181; Al-Kindi 282–283 (144): *safarjal*, quince, *Cydonia vulgaris* Willd. [this is not a valid name]. Compare on the seeds of the quince: Flückiger and Hanbury 239–241.

⁴⁵⁷ The *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.65) lists as correctives: *jaraśk*, *katīrā*, and *vamśalocana*.

⁴⁵⁸ *bādām talkh* = bitter almond. See 2.2.1002–1003. Daljīt Simḥa 246: substitutes are *habbulmahaliba* (Daljīt Simḥa 715: *mahaliba*, *Prunus mahaleb* Linn. [this is a valid name]) and *karvē bādāmkī gīrī*, *Prunus amygdalus* Batsch var. *amara*. See on *Prunus mahaleb* Linn.: Encyclopaedia of Islamic Medicine 130–131: *mahlab*, *Cerasus mahaleb* [*Cerasus mahaleb* (Linn.) Mill., a synonym of *Prunus mahaleb* Linn.]. See on *Prunus mahaleb* in the Muslim world: E. Wiedemann II, 113. The *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.65) mentions *kalomjī*, *Nigella sativa* Linn., as the substitute.

⁴⁵⁹ Compare Al-Kindi 250–251 (57): *thamar al-ṭarfā'*, gall of the tamarisk, *Tamarix gallica* [valid name: *Tamarix gallica* Linn.] or *Tamarix nilotica* Bge. [valid name: *Tamarix nilotica* (Ehrenb.) Bunge]. See on the date palm and the date: Daljīt Simḥa 209–210: *Phoenix dactylifera* Roxb., Arabic name *tamar ratub*; Maclean, 413–414. The date is described at 2.2.297–299: *tamara* – *khurmā* / *kharjūrah* / *chuhārā*.

Daljīt Simha mentions the *jarišk*.⁴⁶⁰

Actions are not mentioned at all.⁴⁶¹

Comments are not given.

hirmila,⁴⁶² *isabanda*,⁴⁶³ *sokhtanī*⁴⁶⁴

2.2.411:

rūkṣoṣṇas triguṇam śastah pīno raktas tathā navah /
dhūpanāt sūtikābāladrṣṭidoṣā ‘pakarṣanah //

It is dry and hot to the third degree.⁴⁶⁵ It is recommended when thick, red,⁴⁶⁶

⁴⁶⁰ Daljīt Simha 385: *zarişk*, berberry fruit. Schmucker 214 (343): *zarishk*, *Berberis vulgaris* L. [this is a valid name] is its *nivāraṇa*.

⁴⁶¹ See on the actions: *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.65.

⁴⁶² The plant name *hirmil* is problematic, but *harmal* denotes the seed of the wild rue, commonly identified as *Peganum harmala* Linn. Achundow 186–187 (138) and 362–363 (113): *harmal*, *Peganum harmala* [*Peganum harmala* Linn. is a valid name]. Ainslie: absent. Al-Biruni I, 88: *harmal*, *Allium moly* L. [*Allium moly* Linn. is a valid name] or *Peganum harmala* L.; II, 125 (51): *harmal* and 135, n.43: *Peganum harmala*. Al-Kindi 258 (75): *harmal*, identified as *Peganum harmala* Linn. Daljīt Simha 717: idem. Hand Book 186–193: *ispand*, the Unani Tibbi name of *Peganum harmala* Linn. Schlimmer 310: *hurmal*, *Harmala ruta* [this is not a valid name] = *Peganum harmala* = *Ruta sylvestris* [this is not a valid name]. Schmucker 164–165 (240): *harmal*, *Peganum harmala*; a red and a white kind are distinguished.

⁴⁶³ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.16: Persian name *aspand*, Arabic name *harmal*. Achundow 186–187 (138): called *sapand* in Persian. Al-Biruni (I, 88; II, 125) distinguishes two kinds; the second kind is said to be called *isfand* in Arabic. Al-Kindi 258 (75): called *ispand* in Persian. Daljīt Simha 717: called *ispand* or *sipand* in Persian. Schlimmer 310: called *ispand* in Persian. The Unani Pharmacopoeia (I, II, 59) records *ispand* as the dried seeds of *Peganum harmala* Linn., called *hurmul* in Arabic. Yādavaśarman 125–126: Persian name: *ispand*, *Peganum harmala*.

⁴⁶⁴ This Persian word means 'fit to be burnt'. See Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa II, 1418: *ispand sokhtanī*, *Peganum harmala* Linn. *Peganum harmala* does not form part of the *materia medica* of classical āyurveda. It is employed in the twentieth-century *Siddhaprayogalatikā* (22.42) as *haramala*. See on this plant: Dymock et al. I, 252–255.

⁴⁶⁵ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.16: hot to the first, dry to the second degree. Achundow (186) agrees with the text.

⁴⁶⁶ Achundow (187) refers to the same opinion: am besten ist das rothe *Peganum*.

and fresh.

It drives away, used in a fumigation, diseases of the puerperium, children's diseases, and the evil eye.⁴⁶⁷

commentary:

śaktī 2 mulattif mumasik. darpaghnam – meve tara. badala - tukhmasudā vā kirdamānā – turamatukha.

It has two actions: attenuant (*mulaṭṭif*) and retentive (*mumsik*). The corrective is fresh (*tar*) fruit (*mīwa*).⁴⁶⁸ The substitutes are the seeds of *sudā*⁴⁶⁹ or *kirdamānā*⁴⁷⁰ ...⁴⁷¹

*khaśakhāśa*⁴⁷² – *aviyaja*⁴⁷³

2.2.453–456:

ahiphenam sitam bījam kokanāra api smṛtam //
snigdham sītam dviguṇitam rūkṣam cāpi matāntare /
snehayuktam parīpāke rūkṣam dr̥ṣṭam bhiṣagvaraiḥ //
raktaniṣṭhīvanam hanti kṣavathum vātāpitajam /
pīnasam ca pratiśyāyam atīsāram nirāmajam //

⁴⁶⁷ Compare the completely different actions and uses mentioned in the *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.16).

⁴⁶⁸ Achundow (187) mentions *Astragalus verus*. The correctives listed in the *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.16) are: *sikañjavīn* and the fresh juice of *amarūda* fruits, *Psidium guajava* Linn.

⁴⁶⁹ The identity of *sudā* is uncertain. *tukhm-e-sūd* are the fruits of *Anethum graveolens* Linn. according to Daljīt Simha 703.

⁴⁷⁰ The substitutes enumerated in the *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.16) are: *tatilī*, *ajavāyan*, and *mūlī* seeds. See on *tatilī*: *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.122–123; Steingass: a species of rue. *ajavāyan* is the Hindī name of *yavānī*, *Trachyspermum ammi* (Linn.) Sprague. *mūlī* is the Hindī name of *mūlaka*, *Raphanus sativus* Linn.

⁴⁷¹ The meaning of *turamatukha* has remained unclear.

⁴⁷² *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.58: *khaśkhāś safed*. Achundow 195 (173): *chaschchâsch*, *Papaver somniferum* [valid name: *Papaver somniferum* Linn.]. Ainslie I, 326–327: *khaśkhāś*, the white seeds of the poppy. Al-Biruni II, 56: *khashkhāsh*. Schmucker 183–184 (273): *khashkhāsh*. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, II, 65: *khashkaash* consists of dried seeds of *Papaver somniferum*. E. Wiedemann II, 290, 385.

⁴⁷³ This is a spelling of Arabic *abyad*, white.

*sitopalaḥ kṣaudram athāsyā darpahṛt tathā lisānulhamala prakīrtitah /
śataprasūnā ‘pi ca mastagī param bādāmaśīrī badala pranoditah //*

The white seeds of *Papaver somniferum* Linn.⁴⁷⁴ are also known as *kōkanāra*.⁴⁷⁵

They are moist and cold to the second degree, also dry according to another opinion.⁴⁷⁶

The best among the physicians consider them to be dry when joined to a fatty substance in a boiling (procedure).

They cure haematemesis, sneezing arising from *vāta* and *pitta*, nasal catarrh (*pīnasa*),⁴⁷⁷ coryza (*pratiśyāya*),⁴⁷⁸ and *nirāma* diarrhoea.⁴⁷⁹

As their correctives⁴⁸⁰ are mentioned white sugar (*sitopala*) and *kṣaudra* honey,⁴⁸¹ as well as *lisānulhamala*.⁴⁸²

⁴⁷⁴ Achundow 195 (173): es giebt weissen und schwarzen Mohn.

⁴⁷⁵ *Abhinavanighāṇṭu*, p.58: the white seeds of the poppy are called *kokinār* in Persian; p.163–164: Sanskrit *kasatila*, Persian *kōkanār*, poppy seeds. Ainslie I, 275: the poppy plant is called *kūknār* in Persian. Unani Pharmacopoeia II, I, 236 and II, II, 260: *kōkanar*, the opium obtained from dried poppy heads.

⁴⁷⁶ *Abhinavanighāṇṭu*, p.58 and 163: cold to the second, moist to the first degree. Achundow 195 (173): der weisse Mohn ist kalt und feucht im dritten Grade. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, II, 66: dry to the first degree.

⁴⁷⁷ See on *pīnasa*: *Mādhavanidāna* 58.11–12.

⁴⁷⁸ See on *pratiśyāya*: *Mādhavanidāna* 58.13–27.

⁴⁷⁹ Diarrhoea not accompanied by undigested matter. *Abhinavanighāṇṭu*, p.163: they are *atisārabaddhaka, viśeṣataḥ rudhiraja aur pittaja atisārkā baddhaka*. Compare on the actions *Abhinavanighāṇṭu*, p.163 and Achundow 195. See also *Nighanturatnākara* 68 on *kasabīja*.

⁴⁸⁰ The *Abhinavanighāṇṭu* (p.58) regards sugar (*mīsrī*) and honey as the correctives; p.163: *mastagī* and *khāṇḍa* are the correctives. Achundow 195 (173): zur Correction dient *As-tragalus verus* [valid name: *Astragalus verus* Olivier] und Kamillensaft.

⁴⁸¹ See G.J. Meulenbeld (1974), 486–487 on types of honey.

⁴⁸² See 2.2.986–988. Achundow 265 (508): *lisān ul-hamal*, *Plantago major*. Al-Biruni I, 517–518: *Plantago major* Linn., Persian name: *bārataṅga*, Arabic name: *lisānulhamal*. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 525: *lisān al-ḥamal*, *Plantago major*. Schmucker 433 (677): *lisān al-ḥamal*, sicher eine *Plantago*, vielleicht *P. asiatica* [valid name: *Plantago asiatica* Linn.], aber auch *P. major* L. [this is a valid name] wird für **dieses** in Anspruch genommen. Compare Schlimmer 462 for Persian names of *Plantago major*. E. Wiedemann II, 390: *lisān al ḥamal*, *Plantago*. Compare also *Abhinavanighāṇṭu*, p.176: Persian name *bārataṅga*, Arabic name *lisānulhamal*.

Substitutes are *śataprasūnā*,⁴⁸³ *mastagī*, and the sweet almond.⁴⁸⁴

khaśkhāśa – asvada

2.2.457:

yan meacakam pūrvasamam guṇaiḥ syāt sīmantinīsomaharam ca puṣtidam / nindrāpradām rogana nasyasevanāt pūrvoditam śeṣam uṣanti vaidyāḥ //

The black (variety) has the same properties as the preceding (white variety). It removes *soma(ropa)* in women and provides them with a well-nourished appearance.

The oil is a soporific when used as an errhine.

The physicians declare that the remaining (properties and actions) have been mentioned in the preceding (verses).⁴⁸⁵

*khalla / sirkā*⁴⁸⁶

2.2.468–471:

beśa bāśada aṅgūrī rūkṣaḥ śītas tridhā mataḥ / pakvāśayāya hitakṛt param dīpanapācanah // gulābayuktagaṇḍūṣo daśanārtim haret parām / mañjiṣṭhāyukpralepena piṇḍikāvyaṅganāśanah // gauravāṇi karṇayoh śothe pātanān nādavedanām / śīrṣārtim śamayet sadyah pāṇīyam iva pāvakam // rogan bādāma darpaghnam śarkarā vā smṛtā budhaiḥ //

The kind probably to be preferred is that from grapes;⁴⁸⁷ it is thought to be

⁴⁸³ The same as *śatapuṣpā*, *Anethum graveolens* Linn.

⁴⁸⁴ *Abhinavanighantu* (p.58): the seeds of *Lactuca sativa* (*kāhū*) are the substitute; p.163: opium is the substitute.

⁴⁸⁵ See on the actions of the black seeds: *Abhinavanighantu*, p.58; Achundow 195.

⁴⁸⁶ *Abhinavanighantu*, p.243–244: Persian name *sirkā*, Arabic name *khala*. Achundow 193 (167): *chall*, Acetum, Essig. Ainslie I, 461–463: *ḥalla* is the Arabic name, *sirkā* is the Persian name of vinegar. Al-Biruni: absent. Al-Kindi: absent. Daljīt Siṁha: absent. Schlimmer: *ḥall*, Arabic name of acetum, vinegar; Persian name: *sirkah*. Schmucker: absent. Compare E. Wiedemann I, 684 on *ḥādiq* vinegar.

⁴⁸⁷ *aṅgūr* is the Persian word for grape, described at 2.2.821–823.

dry and cold to the third degree.⁴⁸⁸

It is beneficial to the receptacle of digested food; it inflames the digestive fire to a high degree and promotes processes of maturation to a high degree too.⁴⁸⁹

It removes severe toothache⁴⁹⁰ as a mouthwash when rose water⁴⁹¹ is added to it.

In an ointment, when *mañjisṭhā* is added, it annihilates boils (*piṇḍikā*)⁴⁹² and brown spots on the face (*vyaṅga*).

It removes heaviness of the ears, buzzing and pain when used in ear drops in cases of swelling.

It immediately alleviates headache, as water does so to fire.⁴⁹³

Wise (physicians) regard almond oil or sugar as correctives.⁴⁹⁴

khumura,⁴⁹⁵ śarāba⁴⁹⁶ – vārunī

2.2.472:

*aṅgūrīyaṁ praśastoktā suvarṇā surabhir navā /
madhyā cirantanī nānāguṇaiḥ pūṇā tridhā bhavet //*

It is said that the recommended type is made of grapes, of a golden colour,⁴⁹⁷ fragrant, and freshly prepared.

⁴⁸⁸ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.243–244: cold and dry. Achundow 193 (167): trocknend und kalt.

⁴⁸⁹ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.244: it is *pācaka*. Achundow 193: macht die Speise leicht verdaulich.

⁴⁹⁰ Achundow 193: besiegt den Zahnschmerz.

⁴⁹¹ Rose water is described at 2.2.1026–1028.

⁴⁹² An error for *pidikā*.

⁴⁹³ Compare the actions listed in the *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.244: *baddhak*, *peṭke kīrheko mārkar nikālnevālā* (killing and expelling intestinal parasites), *atyant kṣudhāprada* (causing much hunger), *rodhakā udghāṭak* (removing obstructions).

⁴⁹⁴ Correctives mentioned by the *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.244: sweet substances and those that can be licked (*lehya*); a substitute is juice from the mountain *nimbū*.

⁴⁹⁵ *khamr* is a Persian term for spirituous liquor, wine. See Achundow 191–193 (166) and 365–368 (124): *chamr*, Wein. Ainslie (I, 472) regards it as the Arabic name.

⁴⁹⁶ *sharāb* has the same meanings as *khamr*. See Achundow 365–368 (124); Ainslie I, 472–478; Schlimmer 553: wine. See on preparations called *sharāb*: Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 171–172. Compare E. Wiedemann II, 123.

⁴⁹⁷ This may also mean: of a good colour, of a brilliant hue.

When some years old, it is of medium quality and full of various qualities.⁴⁹⁸
Three kinds can be (distinguished).

commentary:

śarāba hadīsa kadīma mutavassita atīka / kadīma paryāyah / iti kramaśo bhedatrayanāmāni.

Wines are new (*ḥādis*), old (*qadīm*), average (*mutawassit*),⁴⁹⁹ old ('atīq). *qadīm* is a synonym. These are the names of the three varieties in due order.

2.2.473–476:

*nisargasātmyā niśī sākam sarojānanayā ca sevyā /
ārāmasaṃgītavīśeṣabodhā krodhāpahā syāt piśitopadamśā //
navā ṣāṇmāsikī dāṛḍhyam sevanān mehanasya ca /
samvidhatte param vṛṣyā madanotsavadāyinī //
rūkṣoṣṇā dviguṇam śreṣṭhā madhyamātītavatsarā /
dīpanī pācanī varṇyā prasannā retaso ‘mbudhilī //
rūkṣoṣṇā triguṇam tīkṣṇā turyam 4 varṣā cirantanī /
balāsaśvāsakāsaghnī vardhīnī jīvanoṣmaṇāḥ //*

It is by nature congenial at night, in the company of a woman.

It arouses the delight in beautiful gardens and music and drives away anger.

It (arouses the delight in) well-prepared relishes.

Regular use of it when new and six months old brings about hardness of the male member. It is aphrodisiac to a very high degree and makes sexual activities pleasurable.

It is dry and hot to the second degree; the best kind is that older than half a year.

*prasannā*⁵⁰⁰ stimulates the digestive fire, promotes processes of maturation, is beneficial to the colour of the skin, and an ocean of semen.

⁴⁹⁸I assume that *pūṇā* is an error for *pūrṇā*.

⁴⁹⁹This term can also mean: common, ordinary, intermediate.

⁵⁰⁰*prasanna* in its usual meanings does not make sense in the context; it is therefore probably the name of a particular kind of alcoholic drink, the clear upper portion of *surā*. See on *prasannā*: G.J. Meulenbeld (1974), 485; *Dhanvantariyanighaṇṭu* 6.262.

Old (*vārunī*),⁵⁰¹ four years old, is dry and hot to the third degree and harsh (in its action).

It annihilates phlegm, difficulties of respiration, and cough, and increases the vital heat.

commentary:

jīvanoṣmā harāratagarījī dehapuṣṭīṁ ratikāntamī vivardhayet.

Vital heat, (called) *harārat gharīzī* (in Persian), i.e., innate heat, increases one's well-nourished condition and sexual attractiveness.

2.2.477:

*śaktayah 5 pañca vikhyātā mukavvī mubahī tathā /
mufarra munaij ceti mulattifa iti kramāt //*

One says that it has five actions, which are, successively: tonic and aphrodisiac, exhilarating, causing an erection (*munīd*), and attenuant.

commentary:

*aparerā śarābarehānī pūrvoktaguṇakalpā / mātrā haftād 70 miskāla /
darpaghnām meve turśatara / badala sāmānyāḥ surāḥ /*

Another kind of wine made with *raiḥān*⁵⁰² has almost the same, already mentioned, properties.

The dose is seventy *miskāl*. The corrective is acid (*tursh*) fresh (*tar*) fruit (*mīwa*). Substitutes are all kinds of *surā*.⁵⁰³

⁵⁰¹ See on *vāruṇī*: G.J. Meulenbeld (1974), 497–498.

⁵⁰² *raiḥān* = *Ocimum basilicum* [valid name: *Ocimum basilicum* Linn.] Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 497: *raiḥān*, *Ocimum basilicum*.

⁵⁰³ See on *surā*: Ainslie I, 451–453.

*revandacīnī*⁵⁰⁴

2.2.522:

revandacīnī dviguṇoṣṇarūkṣā pakvāśayārtīm pavanāmayam ca / sastā rajanyāḥ samaśonavarṇā hinasti bastyāśayarecanena //

revandacīnī is hot and dry to the second degree.⁵⁰⁵

The type that has the same crimson colour as *rajanī*⁵⁰⁶ is the recommended one which removes pain in the receptacle of digested food and *vāta* diseases by purging the bladder.⁵⁰⁷

commentary:

āśayah pakvābhidhah.

The receptacle is that called *pakva(āśaya)*

2.2.523–524:

plīhābhivṛddhīm ca tathāmaśūlam prāśat pralepād apacīm vranāmś ca / sirkāsametā nayati hy apāyam kuṣṭhān makuṣṭān vaḍavā yathaiva //

⁵⁰⁴ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.213–214: Persian name *bekharevās*, Arabic name *rāwand*, Sanskrit name *pītamūlī*. Achundow 373 (225): *rīwand-i sīnī*, *Rheum palmatum*. Ainslie I, 342–344: *rāwand* is the Arabic, *rīwand* the Persian name of *Rheum palmatum* Linn. [this is a valid name] and *Rheum undulatum* Linn. [this is a valid name]. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, II, 91: the drug Rewandchini consists of dried roots of *Rheum emodi* Wall. [valid name: *Rheum australe* D.Don = *Rheum emodi* Wall. ex Meissn.]. Yādavaśarman 310: Sanskrit names: *pītamūlā*, *amlaparnī*, Hindī name: *revandcīnī*, *Rheum emodi*. Compare on *Rheum* spp. in the Muslim world: Flückiger and Hanbury 442–451, E. Wiedemann II, 106, 116. See also Al-Kindi 337 (295): *manj*, *Rheum palmatum* L., *Rheum rhaboniticum* L. [valid name: *Rheum hybridum* Murray = *Rheum rhaboniticum* auct.]. Compare on *Rheum*: Dymock et al. III, 153–157; Flückiger and Hanbury 442–451. *Rheum* spp. appear in late āyurvedic texts: Vidyāpati's *Vaidyarahasya* (*prameha* 19: *revaccīnī*); Šāligrāmanighaṇṭubhūṣana, p.1215: *revatcīnī*, Sanskrit names: *gandhinī*, *pītamūlikā*, *pītā*; *Bṛhannighaṇṭuratnākara* (1215: *revatcīnī*); Siddhabheṣajamaṇimālā 4.646 and 1107: *revatī*, 2.62: *revatikā*; Siddhabhaiṣajyamañjūṣā (śvāsa 27): *revatasitā*. The drug may be mentioned as *gandhinī* in the *Siddhabhaiṣajyamañjūṣā* (hikkā 6).

⁵⁰⁵ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* 214: hot and dry. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, II, 92: hot and dry.

⁵⁰⁶ *rajanī* is described at 2.2.817–820; the Hindī name recorded in the heading, *haladī*, establishes that *Curcuma longa* Linn., turmeric, is meant and that the colour of the rhizome is here referred to as *śona*.

⁵⁰⁷ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.214: *vāyuko layakartā*.

*samagavī tu darpaghno musalih mukayī tathā /
mudirra śaktayas tisrah 3 kathitā lokaśāstrayoh //*

Ingested, it makes disappear splenomegalias and piercing pain by *āma*, as an ointment it does so with regard to *apaci*⁵⁰⁸ and wounds/ulcers; joined to vinegar (*sirkā*), it lets the forms of *kuṣṭha* disappear,⁵⁰⁹ as a mare does with *makuṣṭha* beans.⁵¹⁰

Its corrective is *samagavī*.⁵¹¹ According to the common people and to science it is said to have three actions: corrective (*muslih*), vomitive (*mukayī*), and causing to flow (*mudirra*).⁵¹²

⁵⁰⁸ See on *apaci*, small local swellings: *Carakasamhitā*, *Nidānasthāna* 11.10–12 and *Cikitsāsthāna* 18.20cd–23; *Mādhavanidāna* 38.9cd–10.

⁵⁰⁹ Compare on the actions: *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.214. See also *Śāligrāmanighaṇṭubhūṣāṇa*, p.1215: *revaṭcīnīkaṭus tiktā balyā sāmr̥durecanī/dantyajīrṇam atīṣāraṇ vahnimāndyam arocakam / viṭsaṅgam śītāpittam ca duṣṭavrāṇavirohiṇī //*.

⁵¹⁰ *makuṣṭha* is generally identified as *Vigna aconitifolia* (Jacq.) Maréchal [this is a valid name].

⁵¹¹ This must be an error for *samag aravī*, gummi arabicum. Compare *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.214: the correctives are *unnāv* and the resin of *babbūla*, the substitutes are rose flowers and roots of *semmar*.

⁵¹² The actions are, according to The Unani Pharmacopoeia (I, II, 92): *mohallil-e-waram* (resolvent with regard to swellings), *musakkin* (relieving/sedative), *munaffis* (expectorant), *muqawwi-e-medā-wa-kabid* (*muqawwī mi'da wa kabd*, stomachic and a liver tonic), *mudirr-e-baul* (diuretic), *mudirr-e-tams* (emmennagogue); see the commentary ad 2.2.38–40: *tams* is Sanskrit *ārtava*, menstrual discharge. Yādavaśarman 311: it is, according to Yūnānī physicians, *śothavilayana* (reducing swellings), *āmāśayko śakti denevālā* (giving strength to the stomach), *yakṛduttejaka* (stimulating the liver), *mūtrala* (diuretic), and *ārtavajanana* (emmennagogue); in *Āyurveda* it stimulates the liver, is astringent in a small dose, but laxative in a large dose, stimulates salivation and increases the amount of gastric juice. Actions enumerated in the *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.214): *rūkṣatāprada*, *doṣomko svacchakartā*, *maliko samapvakartā*, *mūtra aur ārtava pravartaka*, *rodhakī udghāṭaka*, *ādhmānko layakartā*, *śītarogko gunkartā*, *pāṇḍuke rodhako udghāṭak hai*, etc.

revandakhatāī⁵¹³

2.2.525:

*saivāparā kiṃcid anuṣṇavīryā haridruṇā bastiviśodhanī ca /
mūtropasargam jvalitoṣṇavātām kādambinīva kṣapayed davāgnim //*

Another (variety), somewhat cold as to its *vīrya*, purifies, together with *haridru*,⁵¹⁴ the bladder.

It alleviates a urinary disorder and a fiery gonorrhoea (*uṣṇavāta*), as a long line of clouds a forest fire.

2.2.526–527:

prayogaś ca

*śorā kalmī, jīrā sufeda 2, revandakhatāī 4 saṃcūrṇya ciram sevayet
kṣodo ‘mīṣām kṣīrāntrānupūtī māṣadvandvam śālimudgopabhoktuh /
mūtrāghātam mūtrakṛcchrapramehān saptāhena drāvayec copadaṁśam //
śaktir ekā munakkī syān mudirra api cāparā /
badal anyonyam uddiṣṭo bhedayor ubhayor api //*

One should use for a long time *śorā kalmī*,⁵¹⁵ *jīrā*, *sufeda*,⁵¹⁶ and *revandakhatāī*, powdered together.⁵¹⁷

⁵¹³ Chinese *rīwand* (*rīwand-e-khitay*).

⁵¹⁴ Identified as *Adina cordifolia* (Roxb.) Hook.f. ex Brandis [valid name: *Haldina cordifolia* (Roxb.) Ridsdale = *Adina cordifolia* (Roxb.) Hook.f. ex Brandis]: Abdul Kareem; *Śāligrāma*, p. 706–707. Mentioned in *Rājanighaṇṭu*, *pariśiṣṭa* 9, 26–27. See on it: Dymock et al. I, 171–172.

⁵¹⁵ Employed as *kalamīśoraka* (1.129), *śora* (15.8) and *śoraka* (4.41; 30.10 and 18) in the *Siddhaprayogalatikā* and regarded as potassium nitrate in its English translation.

⁵¹⁶ Described at 2.2.272–273: *bahamatsurkha – sufeda / aśvagandhā bilāyatī. aśvagandhā* is generally identified as *Withania somnifera* (Linn.) Dunal [this is a valid name].

⁵¹⁷ See on *śorā*: *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.234; Persian name *śorā*, Arabic name *abkar*, Sanskrit name *suvarcikā*.

The powder of these (substances), (in a dose of) two *māṣa*, drives away urinary retention (*mūtrāghāta*),⁵¹⁸ dysuria (*mūtrakṛcchra*) and the types of *prameha*, as well as *upadaṇṭa*,⁵¹⁹ within seven days with milk and water as an *anupāna* and *śāli* rice and *mudga* beans as a daily diet.

It has one action, *munakkī* (*munaqqī*, purifying), and *mudirra* (causing to flow) as the other one.

Both varieties are declared to be each other's substitutes.

*jāfarā*⁵²⁰ / *kuṇkuma* / *kesara*⁵²¹

2.2.561–562:

*śastam kusumbhakusumāruṇatīvragandham rūkṣoṣṇam
balavardhanam ca /
vātāmayopaśamanam nayanābhīrāmam puṣpeṣudīpanakaram
prasave sasukhyam //
mūtrakṛcchraharam bijakaram cetahprasādanam /
hāsopacayakṛd retaḥstambhanam yakṛto hitam //*

⁵¹⁸ See on this disease: *Mādhavanidāna* 31.

⁵¹⁹ See on this disease: *Mādhavanidāna* 47 and Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa II, 1588–1595: soft chanker.

⁵²⁰ Achundow 212 (289) and 374 (231): *za'farān*, *Crocus sativus* [valid name: *Crocus sativus* Linn.], Safran. Ainslie I, 354–357: *za'farān*, *Crocus Sativus* (Lin.), the stigma's, with a proportion of the style, of the flowers. Al-Biruni I, 166–168 (16): *za'farān* and 176, n.35: *Crocus sativus* L.; II, 95: *za'furān*, *Crocus sativus* L. or *Crocus officinalis* Honck [valid name: *Crocus sativus* Linn. = *Crocus oHicinalis* Honck]. Al-Kindi 275–276 (127): *za'farān*, *Crocus sativus* L., sometimes the root of *Curcuma longa* L. Encyclopaedia of Islamic Medicine 201–202: *za'farān*, the dried stigmata of *Crocus sativus*. Hamdard 377: *zaafran*, the Persian name of the stigmas along with the style-tops of *Crocus sativus* Linn. Schlimmer 168–169: *za'farān*, *Crocus sativus*. Schmucker 217 (349); *za'farān*. Compare on saffron: Dymock et al. III, 453–461; Flückiger and Hanbury 601–606; Hobson-Jobson 780; Maclean 775–777. See on saffron in the Muslim world: E. Wiedemann II, 10–11, 112–113, 127–128, 300–301.

⁵²¹ This is not a common Sanskrit name of saffron. The *Rājanighaṇṭu* (12.21) lists *kesaravara* as one of the synonyms of *kuṇkuma*.

The recommended kind is that with a ruddy colour like the flowers of *ku-*
*sumbha*⁵²² and with a penetrating smell.⁵²³ It is dry and hot,⁵²⁴ and increases
 strength.

It alleviates wind diseases,⁵²⁵ is agreeable to the eyes,⁵²⁶ stimulates the li-
 bido, and facilitates childbirth.

It eliminates dysuria, produces semen, and calms the mind.⁵²⁷

It promotes the amount of mirth,⁵²⁸ retains the semen, and is beneficial to
 the liver.⁵²⁹

commentary:

śaktih muhallil munavvima / khūba tāje surkharaṅga tundaboya.

Its actions are resolvent⁵³⁰ and soporific. When very fresh (*tāza*) it is of a red

⁵²² Ainslie I, 354: when of good quality, its colour is a deep red. Some synonyms of *kunkuma* refer to this characteristic. The *Dhanvantariyanighaṇṭu* (3.12) mentions: *rudhira*, *asya*, *asra*; the *Rājanighaṇṭu* (11.21) lists the same names and adds to them *śoṇita* and *aruṇa*. The *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* (64) distinguishes three kinds of saffron: *kāśmīrabhūmāv utpannam sūkṣmaṇ raktam prakīrtitam // padmagandhi ca vijñeyam uttamam tat prakīrtitam / bāhlīkajam pāṇḍu sūkṣmaṇ ketakīgandhakṛṇ matam // tanmadhyamam pārasikam pāṇḍuram madhugandhikam / adhamam tat samuddiṣṭam sujñaiḥ kūṇkumavedibhiḥ //*, That kind which has its origin in the land of Kaśmīr is known as subtle and red, it is known to smell after a *padma*, and proclaimed to be the best one; the kind that comes from Bāhlīka is pale and subtle and thought to smell after a *ketakī*; it is of an average quality; the Persian type is pale and smells after honey; it is designated as of the lowest quality by the experts concerning saffron.

⁵²³ The *Rājanighaṇṭu* (12.22) and *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* (64) describe it as fragrant (*surabhi*).

⁵²⁴ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.51–52, and Achundow 212: hot to the second, dry to the first degree. It is hot according to the *Dhanvantariyanighaṇṭu* (3.13) and *Rājanighaṇṭu* (12.22). The *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* (64) calls it hot and moist.

⁵²⁵ Supported by the *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.52): *vāyu layakartā*. In agreement with āyurveda: *Dhanvantariyanighantu* 3.13, *Rājanighaṇṭu* 12.22. The *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* (64) remarks: *vātam nāśayet*.

⁵²⁶ It cures eye diseases according to āyurvedic texts: *Dhanvantariyanighaṇṭu* 3.13.

⁵²⁷ In agreement with the *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.52): *cittako prasanna kartā*.

⁵²⁸ The *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.52) describes it as *prasannatā aur hāsyā janaka*. The *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* (64) calls it *ānandakāraka*.

⁵²⁹ Supported by the *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.52): *drṣṭiko sukhaprada*. Compare on the actions and uses: Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 201–202.

⁵³⁰ In agreement with the *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.52): *śotha layakartā*.

colour and strongly (*tund*) fragrant (*boyā*).

2.2.563–564:

*praśastam navīnam tathoddāmagandham
saśoṇatvam uktam kāśmīrajātam
badal kustaśīrīm salīkhā ca śaktir
mufattih mufarrah mukavvī tridhā ‘pi //
anesūm javāmrīs bihī darpanāśapravīne pravīnaiḥ prathām prāpīte stah //*

It is recommended when fresh and of an intense smell.

The kind originating from Kashmir is said to possess a crimson tinge.

The substitutes are *kustaśīrīm*⁵³¹ and *salīkhā*.⁵³²

⁵³¹ Described at 2.2.907–910: *kustaśīrīm* (*qusṭ shīrīn*) / *puṣkaramūlam* / *kustabalakha* / *kuṣṭham* / *kūṭa*. These names indicate that the sweet (*shīrīn*) type is meant. *puṣkaramūla* designates in Sanskrit another plant than *kuṣṭha*; the latter is called *kūṭ* in Hindī. The name *kustabalakha* needs clarification. Achundow 243–244 (450) and 390 (342): *qusṭ*, *kust*: man unterscheidet heutzutage in Persien zwei Arten von *Kust*: eine süsse, weisse und wohlriechende, welche *Kust-i arabī* oder *Kust-i bahrī* genannt wird, und eine andere, bittere, schwärzliche und wenig duftende, *Kust hindī*. Ainslie II, 165–167: *qusṭ*, *Costus Arabicus* (Lin.) [*Costus arabicus* Linn. is a valid name]. Al-Biruni 268–269 (33): *qusṭ* and 275 (71): *Aucklandia costus* Falk. = *Saussurea lappa* C.B. Clarke [valid name: *Saussurea costus* (Falc.) Lipsch. = *Saussurea lappa* (Deene.) C.B. Clarke]; *qusṭ-i-talkh* is probably the Persian name for the Indian costus and *qusṭ-i-shirin* is the *qusṭ al-hālū* of the Arabs or orris root. Al-Kindi 316 (232): *qusṭ*, costus, *Aucklandia costus* Falc.; *Saussurea lappa* C.B. Clarke is used today in Iran (*qusṭ-i-talkh*). Daljīt Simḥa 182–186: Arabic name *khust*, Persian name *kust-e-śīrīm*, *kust-e-safed*, *Iris* sp., orris root, and *Saussurea lappa* C.B.CI. Hamdard 413: *Saussurea lappa* Clarke, Arabic and Persian name: *qusṭ*. Schlimmer 160: *Costus albus seu arabicus seu veterum*, *qusṭ śīrīn*, and *Costus amarus*, *seu indicus seu niger*. Schmucker 346–347 (576): *qusṭ*; two kinds are distinguished: an Arabic kind, white, very fragrant, and mild, and an Indian kind, black and bitter; some authors describe three types. See on *Saussurea lappa*: Dymock et al. II, 296–303. Compare on *qusṭ* in the Muslim world: E. Wiedemann II, 14, 106–107, 119.

Āyurvedic treatises do not confuse, as the *Hikmatprakāśa* does, *puṣkaramūla* and *kuṣṭha*. The former is commonly identified as *Inula racemosa* Hook.f. or *Inula royleana* DC. (see Abdul Kareem), whereas the latter is *Saussurea costus* (Falc.) Lipsch.

⁵³² Achundow 218 (316): *salīcha*, *Laurus Cassia* [valid name: *Neolitsea cassia* (Linn.) Kos-term. = *Laurus cassia* Linn.]. Daljīt Simḥa 358: *salīkhā*, *Cinnamomum tamala* Nees [valid name: *Cinnamomum tamala* (Buch.-Ham.) T.Nees et Eberm.]. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 153: *salīkhā*, *Cinnamomum cassia* [valid name: *Cinnamomum aromaticum*

Its actions are threefold: deobstruent (*mufattih*), exhilarating (*mufarrah*), and tonic (*mukavvi*).

The two correctives are *anesūm* and *javāmrīś bihi*, obtained for the first time as effective (drugs) by skilful physicians.⁵³³

*jañjavila.*⁵³⁴ *nāgaram.*⁵³⁵ *somṭh*⁵³⁶

2.2.571:

tridhoṣṇarūkṣam kusumeṣudīpanam vātāmayaghnam ca śirortināśanam / kāsajvaraśvāsabalāsahikkāśothodaraplīhanibarhaṇam syāt

Nees = *Cinnamomum cassia* Blume] and *Cinnamomum zeylanicum* [valid name: *Cinnamomum verum* J.Presl = *Cinnamomum zeylanicum* Blume]. Schmucker 246–247 (399): *salīkhā*, *Laurus cassia*. Unani Pharmacopoeia II, II, 262–263: *saleekha*, the bark of *Cinnamomum aromaticum* Blume [valid name: *Cinnamomum aromaticum* Nees]. *salīkhā* is described at 2.2.656–662: *salīkhā*, *kahalā*, *kahelī*. See on *Cinnamomum cassia*: Dymock et al. III, 203–211. The *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.52) mentions as substitutes: *taj jāvitī*, i.e., nutmeg, *Myristica fragrans* Houtt. *taj* is a Persian word for cinnamon.

⁵³³The *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.52) mentions as correctives *anīsūn*, *jaraśk*, opium, and *sikañjabīn*.

⁵³⁴Achundow 212 (288) and 374 (230): *zandschabīl*, *Amomum Zingiber* [valid name: *Zingiber officinale* Roscoe = *Amomum zingiber* Linn.], Ingwer. Ainslie I, 152–153: *zanjabīl*, *Amomum Zingiber* (Lin.). Al-Biruni 169 (21; 22): *zanjabīl*. Al-Kindi 277 (130): *zanjabīl*, ginger, *Zingiber officinale* L. Daljīt Siṁha 700–702: *zanjabīl*, the Arabic and Persian name of ginger, *Zingiber officinale* Rose. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 753: *zanjabīl*, *Zingiber officinale*. Hamdard 416: *zanjibil*, the Arabic and Persian name of ginger. Hand Book: absent. Schlimmer 152–153: *zanjabīl*. Schmucker 222 (355): *zanjabīl*, *Zingiber officinale*. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, I, 88: Arabic and Persian name of ginger: *zanjabil*. See on ginger in the Muslim world: E. Wiedemann I, 680; II, 14. Compare on ginger: Dymock et al. III, 420–425; Flückiger and Hanbury 574–577; Hobson-Jobson 374–375; Maclean 310–311.

⁵³⁵The Sanskrit name of dried ginger rhizome.

⁵³⁶The Hindī name of dried ginger rhizome, the equivalent of Sanskrit *śunṭhī* = *nāgara*. *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.250: *somṭh*, Sanskrit name *śunṭhī*.

It is hot and dry to the third degree,⁵³⁷ excites sexual desire,⁵³⁸ destroys wind diseases⁵³⁹ and headache.

It eliminates cough, fever, breathing disorders, phlegm, hiccup, swellings, abdominal enlargement (*udara*),⁵⁴⁰ and disorders of the spleen.⁵⁴¹

commentary:

takaviyat jīgaṇ māde kunada irakulisā khadara fālin tamadduda taśannuja, balgamī rā dafegardānada śakīkaya yāne darda nīmasara rā nafrasānada mātrā diram.

It brings about strength (*taqawiyat*) of the ...⁵⁴² stomach (*ma'da*); it drives away (*dafe gardānada*) sciatica,⁵⁴³ torpor (*khadar*), paralysis (*fālij*),⁵⁴⁴ stretching one's body/yawning (*tamaddud*) and contraction/spasm (*tashan-nuj*) by phlegm; it makes flee⁵⁴⁵ hemicrania (*shaqīqat*, or (in Persian) *darda nīmasara*).⁵⁴⁶

Its dose is one *dirham*.⁵⁴⁷

2.2.572–574:

uṣṇāmbhasā pītam uṣyacūrṇāṁ tūrṇāṁ saśūlāmavināśanaṁ syāt / medhāsamrddhiṁ vitanoti nityam śirogalasthaṁ harate ca śaityam //

⁵³⁷ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.250: hot to the second, dry to the first degree. Achundow agrees. Daljīt Simḥa 701: hot to the third and dry to the first degree. Āyurvedic texts regard it as hot: *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* 2.83; *Rājanighaṇṭu* 6.131.

⁵³⁸ Achundow (212) agrees. Daljīt Simḥa 702: aphrodisiac (*vājīkara*).

⁵³⁹ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.250: *vāyuko layakartā*. Daljīt Simḥa 702: normalizes wind (*vātā-nulomana*), dissolves wind (*vātavilayana*).

⁵⁴⁰ Daljīt Simḥa 702: used against abdominal diseases (*udara*). See on *udara*: *Mādhava-nidāna* 35.

⁵⁴¹ Compare the actions recorded in the *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.250).

⁵⁴² The meaning of *jīgaṇ* is not clear.

⁵⁴³ *irakulisā*, probably the same as *irakunnisā*, explained as *grdhrasī*, sciatica, in the commentary on 3.418–419.

⁵⁴⁴ The unintelligible *fālin* is probably an error.

⁵⁴⁵ *nafrat kardan* means to flee from.

⁵⁴⁶ *dard-e-nīm-e-sar* means pain in half of the head. Actions according to the Unani Pharmacopoeia (I, I, 89): *kasir-e-riyah* (carminative), *hazim* (digestive), *munaffis-e-balgham* (expectorant), *jali* (detergent). The Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine (431) renders *jālti* as repellent.

⁵⁴⁷ Unani Pharmacopoeia (I, I, 89): 1 to 2 gm.

*mufattiha mugaśśī ca muhallila mubahī tathā /
mukavvī śīrṇā uddāmāḥ śaktayah pañca 5 viśrutāḥ //
kuraskāfūramadhunī darpaghne samudāhrte //*

Its powder, made the previous day, drunk with warm water will quickly annihilate undigested matter (*āma*) accompanied by piercing pain.

It brings about a constant increase of intelligence and removes coldness residing in head and throat.

Its five actions, deobstruent (*mufattih*), nutrient (*mugaśśī*), resolvent (*muḥallil*), aphrodisiac (*mubahī*), and tonic (*mukavvī*) with respect to injuries, are widely known as unlimited.

*Kuraskāfūr*⁵⁴⁸ and honey are declared to be its correctives.⁵⁴⁹

*jañjabīla – śāmī.*⁵⁵⁰ *rāstā*⁵⁵¹ – *rāmsan*⁵⁵²

2.2.594–596:

*tridhoṣṇarūkṣā tīkṣṇā ca haritsadyobhavā tathā /
badal īrsāvaja proktā mātrā miskālamānataḥ //
humāmā mastagī sirkā aṅgūrī khasa eva ca /
darpanāśavidhāyīni labdhavarṇaiḥ kṛtāni hi //
śaktiḥ mukattay sehaglīj mukarraha mulattifa //*

⁵⁴⁸ *kāfūr* is the Arabic name of camphor . See Daljīt Simḥa 120–123; *kurs kāfūr* is mentioned as a *kāfūr* preparation at 122. See on *kāfūr*: Achundow 251 (483) and 396 (368); Ainslie I, 48–51; Al-Kindi 321 (247); *Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa III, 2103–2125; Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine* 113: camphor, from the wood of *Cinnamomum camphora* and other lauraceous trees; Hamdard 367–368: a product from *Camphora officinarum* Banh. [valid name: *Cinnamomum camphora* (Linn.) Nees et Eberm. = *Camphora officinarum* Nees]; Schlimmer 100; Schmucker 372–37 (610). See on camphor in the Muslim world: E. Wiedemann II, 9, 111–112, 231–232, 258–259, 271–272, 379, 397398, 416. Compare on camphor: Dymock et al. III, 199–203; Flückiger and Hanbury 458–466; Hobson-Jobson 151–152; Maclean 121.

⁵⁴⁹ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.250: honey and almond oil are the correctives; *kālī mirc*, *Piper nigrum* Linn., is the substitute.

⁵⁵⁰ Daljīt Simḥa 605–606: *zanjabīlśāmī*: *Inula helenium* L. [this is a valid name].

⁵⁵¹ *rāstā* as a plant name is absent from the dictionaries I consulted.

⁵⁵² Daljīt Simḥa 605: the Arabic name is *alrāsan*.

It is hot and dry to the third degree⁵⁵³ and sharp when it is fully fresh. Its substitute is said to be *īrsā vaja*⁵⁵⁴ and its dose is of the measure of one *mis̄kāl*.

A corrective action is brought about by *humāmā*, *mastagī*, *sirkā*,⁵⁵⁵ *aṅgūrī*⁵⁵⁶ and *khasa*.⁵⁵⁷

Its actions are cutting into pieces (*muqatta'*)⁵⁵⁸ *sehaglij*,⁵⁵⁹ vesicatory (*muqarrih*) and attenuant (*mulaṭṭif*).

⁵⁵³ Daljīt Simḥa 605: hot and dry to the second or third degree.

⁵⁵⁴ This may be an *Iris* sp., called *sosan* in Persian. See Ainslie I, 182 and 284–286: *īrsā*, *Iris Florentina* (Lin.) [valid name: *Iris germanica* Linn. nothovar. *florentina* Dykes]; Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa II, 1449–1452: *īrsā*, *Iris Versicolor* [valid name: *Iris versicolor* Linn.]; Daljīt Simḥa 707–708: *sawsan* and *īrsā*; Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 373: *sawsan*, *īrsā*, *Iris florentina*. Compare Dymock et al. III, 451–453 (*Iris germanica* and orris root); Flückiger and Hanbury: 598–601: *rhizoma iris*.

⁵⁵⁵ Daljīt Simḥa (606) agrees. *sirkā* is described at 2.2.468–471. See on *sirkā*: Ainslie I, 461–463; Daljīt Simḥa 237–238; its Sanskrit equivalent is *śukta*. See on *śukta*: G.J. Meulenbeld (1974), 510–511.

⁵⁵⁶ Achundow: absent. Ainslie I, 156–158: Persian name *ankūr*, *Vitis Vinifera* (Lin.) [valid name: *Vitis vinifera* Linn.]. Al-Biruni: absent. Al-Kindi: absent. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa I, 105–112: *aṅgūr*, fruits of *Vitis vinifera* Linn., grapes. Daljīt Simḥa 1–3: Persian *aṅgūr* designates grapes. Schlimmer: absent. Schmucker: absent. Compare on *Vitis vinifera*: Dymock et al. I, 357–361.

⁵⁵⁷ Achundow 193–194: Arabic *khas*, *Lactuca sativa* [valid name: *Lactuca sativa* Linn.]. Ainslie II, 470–471: Persian *khas*, *Andropogon Muricatus* (Retz.) [valid name: *Chrysopogon zizanioides* (Linn.) Roberty]. Al-Biruni 144 (36): Arabic name *khass* and 153, n.89: *Vetiveria zizanioides* (L.) Nash [valid name: *Chrysopogon zizanioides* (Linn.) Roberty], syn. *Andropogon muricatus* Retz. Al-Kindi: absent. Daljīt Simḥa 220–221: *khas*, the Hindī name of *Vetiveria zizanioides* (L.) Nash. Schlimmer: absent. Schmucker 182 (270): *khass*, *Lactuca sativa* L.

⁵⁵⁸ See the commentary ad 2.2.187–188: *mukattayamanī śukraśoṣinītyarthah*, i.e., *muqatta'-manī* means ‘desiccating the seminal fluid’, and 239–240: *mukattayakadūratājjba ne trādīndriyamālinyakhanḍanītyarthah*, i.e., *muqatta'kadūratajjba* means cutting into pieces the impure matter (deriving) from the eyes and other organs of sense; *kadūrat* means impurity.

⁵⁵⁹ The meaning of this term is not clear. Arabic/Persian *ghalīd* is an equivalent of Sanskrit *duṣṭa*.

jañjabila – rataba.⁵⁶⁰ śringaveram⁵⁶¹

*dvidhā rūkṣam tridhā coṣṇam kaphakāsāmaśūlanut /
pratiṣyāye tu saguḍam jvare sarasam īritam //*

It is dry to the second degree and hot to the third degree⁵⁶² and drives away cough by phlegm and *āmaśūla*.⁵⁶³

In cases of coryza it (should be taken) together with jaggery (*guḍa*),⁵⁶⁴ in cases of fever together with *rasa*.⁵⁶⁵

commentary:

raso jvarāñkuśādih

The *rasa* is *jvarāñkuśa(rasa)*,⁵⁶⁶ etc.

2.2.597–599:

*raso ‘muṣya yavakṣārayutah pīto galagraham /
yamapāśam iva kṣipraṇ chinatti śrīhareḥ smṛtiḥ //
kṣaudreṇa yuktah parisevito ‘yam tridoṣakopam vr̥ṣanānilam ca /
drutam nihanti śvasanam vikāram śaityam yathaiva śvasanam bhujāṅgah //
śaktir darpaghnam etasya viśvauṣadhasamam viduh /
parasparam pratinidhir vijñeyo vaidyasattamaiḥ //*

⁵⁶⁰ Daljīt Simḥa 700–70i: the Arabic name of fresh, green ginger.

⁵⁶¹ One of the Sanskrit names of fresh ginger; it is also called *ārdraka*.

⁵⁶² *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.7: dry to the first and hot to the third degree.

⁵⁶³ A kind of piercing/colicky pain (*sūla*). See *Mādhavanidāna* 26.11–12.

⁵⁶⁴ See Hobson-Jobson 446; Maclean 378.

⁵⁶⁵ Compare on its actions and uses in Yūnānī: *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.7.

⁵⁶⁶ The *Rasayogasāgara* describes a large number of preparations of this name (*cakārādi* 244–282).

Its juice, to which *yavakṣāra*⁵⁶⁷ has been added, when drunk, will quickly cut away *galagraha*,⁵⁶⁸ in the same way as remembering (the name of) Śrīhari⁵⁶⁹ will cut through the noose of Yama.⁵⁷⁰

When used together with honey it will speedily annihilate excitement of the three *doṣas* and wind in the testicles, just like the breath of a serpent (annihilates) breathing problems as a cold disorder.⁵⁷¹

It is known that its action and corrective are the same as (those of) dry ginger (*viśvauṣadha*).

They are each other's substitute according to the best among the physicians.

⁵⁶⁷ *yavakṣāra* is described at 2.2.1109–1111: *natarūna*, *cūrā* - *irmanī* / *yavakṣārah*. A second entry on *natarūn* is found at 2.2.265–269; these verses are about borax (Sanskrit *taṅkana*, Hindī *suhāgā*). *yavakṣāra* is an alkali prepared from the ashes of burnt green barley-corns. See on *yavakṣāra*: *Abhinavanighantu*, p.110; Hand Book 480–485; Nadkarni II, 88–93. See on *būraq*, borax: Achundow 162–163 (63) and 316 (6); Ainslie I, 44–46. See on *naṭrūn*: Al-Biruni 322 and 326 (48): natron, sesquicarbonate of soda; Al-Kindi 248 (48): *bauraq*, borax, and 341 (312): natron, synonym for *bauraq*; Hand Book 480–482: potassii carbonas impura, potassium carbonate, 495–496: natron, sodii carbonas impura, Sanskrit *sarjikākṣāra* (see *Abhinavanighantu* (p.235): Sanskrit name *sarjikā*, Persian name *ashkhār* and *kalbā*, Arabic name *kalīmāsfar* and *shib*; Ainslie I, 395–398: *sarjikā(kṣāra)*, impure carbonate of soda); Daljīt Simḥa 85–86: *sarjikṣāra*, *suvarcikā*; Persian *shikhār*, Arabic *tile-milahul-gile*, Persian *shikhara*, Yūnānī *nitrūn*, *tine-gazur*, and 497–500: borax, sodii biboras, Sanskrit *taṅkana*, Arabic *buraekessa-ghah*, Persian *tinkar* (*tangār*); Nadkarni II, 101–103: *sarjikākṣāra*, 103–107: borax.; Schlimmer 517–518: *baurah*, borax; Schmucker 123–124 (153): *bauraq* (*armanī*), natron, sodium carbonate; Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa IV, 73–74: *natarūn*, carbonate of sodium. E. Wiedemann I, 709, 713.

⁵⁶⁸ A disease of the throat; it is one of the types of local swelling (see Ca.Sū.18.22).

⁵⁶⁹ One of the names of Viṣṇu.

⁵⁷⁰ Yama is the god of death.

⁵⁷¹ The construction and meaning of 598cd are not quite clear.

*tavāśīra*⁵⁷² – *tvakksīrī*⁵⁷³ / *vamśalocana*⁵⁷⁴

2.2.751–756:

rūkṣā tridhā dvidhānuṣṇā tvakksīrī hr̥drujāpahā /
pittam raktaṁ jvaram ṛṣṇām uṣmaṇām saṁniyacchatī //
davathum vamathum mūrchām̄ vaikalyam̄karaṇodbhavam /
bāhyam abhyantaram sadyo ‘tisāraṇ̄ grahaṇīgadām //
śaktir mujiffī gaditā mukavī pakvāsayasyā ‘pi hr̥do bhiṣagbhiḥ /
śastā sitā lāghavayuktamātrā deyā diram 1 mānamitā sudhībhiḥ //
gulāba kīnvā kila mastagī vā tathā anesūm̄ vikṛtighna uktaḥ /
śrīkhaṇḍam ardhaṇ̄ sitaraśmir asyā ervārumajjātriguṇo ‘thavā syāt //
caturguṇo vā ‘tha bajarkatūnā makhūma giltukhma ca kāsanī vā //
ussārah laghututīsa tatkāryakaraṇākṣamāḥ /
ete badala ākhyātāś candanādyā bhiṣagvaraiḥ //

⁵⁷² *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.185–186: Persian and Arabic name *tabāśīr*, Sanskrit name *vamśalocana*. Achundow 231 (386) and 383 (290): *tabāschīr*, concretiones *Bambusa arundinaceae* [valid name: *Bambusa bambos* (Linn.) Voss = *Bambusa arundinacea* (Retz.) Willd.]. Ainslie I, 419–421: tabasheer, a product of *Bambusa arundinacea* (Schreb.), *ṭabāshīr* in Arabic and Persian. Al-Biruni 213 (1): *ṭabāshīr* and 218, n.1: *ṭabāshīr* denotes the young shoots, seeds, and siliceous concretion of *Bambusa arundinacea* Retz. Al-Kindi 300 (186): *ṭabāshīr*; it is a concretion in the knots of a particular species of bamboo. Daljīt Simḥa 368–369 and 505–506: Arabic and Persian name *altabāśīr*, bamboo manna from *Bambusa bambos* Druce. Hamdard 363: *tabashir*, concretions of *Bambusa arundinacea* Retz. Schmucker 286 (464): *ṭabāshīr*, gewöhnlich concretiones *Bambusae arundinaceae*. Unani Pharmacopoeia II, I, 256–257 and II, II, 264: a dull white, brittle, chalky, translucent extract of the stems of *Bambusa bambos* Druce. See on *tabasheer*: Dymock et al. III, 586–591; Hobson-Jobson 887. See on *tabāśīr* in the Muslim world: E. Wiedemann II, 106, 117.

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tvakkṣīrī is dry to the third degree⁵⁷⁵ and cold to the second degree.⁵⁷⁶ It eliminates cardiac diseases.⁵⁷⁷

It represses *pitta*, *rakta*,⁵⁷⁸ fever,⁵⁷⁹ thirst,⁵⁸⁰ and gonorrhoea.

(It represses) quickly a feeling of burning in the eyes and other sense organs,⁵⁸¹ emesis,⁵⁸² fainting, weakness of the sense organs, external and internal diarrhoea,⁵⁸³ and chronic diarrhoea.

The physicians say that the action is desiccative (*mujaffif*)⁵⁸⁴ and that it is a tonic for the receptacle of digested food,⁵⁸⁵ and also for the heart.⁵⁸⁶

The white kind, light in weight, is recommended by wise (physicians) and should be given in a dose of one *dirham*.

Rose water or *mastagī*, or also *anesūm*, are mentioned as correctives.⁵⁸⁷

⁵⁷⁵ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.185: dry to the third degree. Achundow 231 (385): dry to the second degree. The *Rājanighaṇṭu* (6.87) regards it (*vamśarocanā* = *tvakkṣīrī*) as dry. The *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* (93) describes *tavakṣīra* as very moist and *tugā* (175) as dry.

⁵⁷⁶ The *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.185) agrees. Achundow agrees. The *Rājanighaṇṭu* (6.87) describes it as cold. The *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* (93 and 175) regards *tavakṣīra* and *tugā* as cold.

⁵⁷⁷ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.185): *hṛdayako balapradā*. Achundow 231: ist bei Herzklopfen von grossem Nutzen. Al-Kindi: the Persians are said to value it for its use in cardiac treatment.

⁵⁷⁸ *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* (93): *tavakṣīram pittāsapittaharam* and (175): *tugā raktapittam nāśayet*.

⁵⁷⁹ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.186: *garmīke jvarko harāṇkartā*, *jvarko guṇkārak hai*. Al-Kindi 300: good for fever. *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* (93): *tavakṣīram jvaranud* and (175): *tugā jvaram nāśayet*.

⁵⁸⁰ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.186: *trṣāko sāntiprada*. Achundow 231: stillt den Durst. *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* (93): *tavakṣīram trṣānud* and (175): *tugā trṣām nāśayet*.

⁵⁸¹ See *Carakasamhitā*, *Sūtrasthāna* 20.14 and G. Jan Meulenbeld (1999), IB 29, n.398. *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* (93): *tavakṣīram dāhaharam* and (175): *tugā dāham nāśayet*. Compare *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.185–186: *āmāśayakā dāha sāntiprada*.

⁵⁸² *Abhinavanighantu*, p.186: *pittajavamanko harāṇkartā*.

⁵⁸³ Ayurvedic treatises do not describe these types of diarrhoea. Compare *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.186: *raktātisārko harāṇkartā*.

⁵⁸⁴ This term appears several times as *mujapfīf(a)* in the text, e.g., at 2.2.764, 998, 1139. Compare *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.186: *snigdhatāko śoṣaṇ karnevālā*, it dries up moisture.

⁵⁸⁵ The *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.185) records another opinion: *āmāśayako balapradā*.

⁵⁸⁶ Confirmed by the *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.185: *hṛdayako balapradā*.

⁵⁸⁷ The *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.185) enumerates as correctives *unnāba*, *mastagī*, and *kesara* (saffron).

Or it may be *śrīkhanḍa*⁵⁸⁸ one part of this moon(-like substance)⁵⁸⁹ or thrice as much of the marrow of *ervāru*.⁵⁹⁰

Or four times the amount of *bajarkatūnā*⁵⁹¹ and powdered terra sigillata⁵⁹² or *kāsanī*.

*ussāra*⁵⁹³ and *laghututīsa*⁵⁹⁴ have the capacity to perform these actions.

These, sandal, etc., are mentioned as substitutes by the best of physicians.⁵⁹⁵

⁵⁸⁸ A Sanskrit synonym of *candana*, sandal.

⁵⁸⁹ Sandal is, as a cooling substance, often associated with the moon (*sitaraśmi*).

⁵⁹⁰ The Sanskrit name of *Cucumis melo* Linn. subsp. *melo* [valid name] = *Cucumis utilissimus* Roxb., or, according to the Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (III, 1801): *Cucumis melo* Linn. subsp. *agrestis* var. *momordica* (Roxb.) Duthie et J.B.Fuller [valid name] = *Cucumis momordica* Roxb.

⁵⁹¹ Achundow 348 (48): *bazr-qatūnā*, the seeds of *Plantago psyllium* L. [valid name: *Plantago arenaria* Waldst. et Kit.]. Ainslie II, 116–117: *Plantago ispaghula* (Flem.) [valid name: *Plantago ovata* Forssk.], Arabic name *bazra kutūnā*. Al-Biruni: absent. Al-Kindi 317–318 (236): *qaṭūnā*, *Plantago psyllium* L. Daljīt Simḥa 75–77: *bajrkatūnā*, *Plantago ovata* Forsk. Schlimmer: *Plantago psyllium*, *bazr qaṭūnā*. Schmucker 352 (585): *bazr qaṭūnā*.

⁵⁹² *makhūma* is an error for *makhtūma*.

⁵⁹³ This may be ‘ushar. See on this item: Achundow 236 (408) and 386: ‘uschar, *Asclepias gigantea*; Ainslie I, 486–489: ‘ushar, milk of the *Asclepias Gigantea* (Lamarck); Al-Biruni 226–227 (17) and 237–238 (37): identified as *Calotropis procera* (Willd.) R.Br. [valid name: *Calotropis procera* (Aiton) W.T.Aiton]; Al-Kindi 304 (201): ‘ushshur is probably *Calotropis procera* L.; Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 80: ‘ushār, *Asclepias cynanchum* [this is not a valid name]; Hand Book 295–302: ushar, *Calotropis procera* (Ait.) R.Br.; Schmucker 300–301: ‘ushar, *Asclepias gigantea* Forsk. = *Calotropis gigantea* R.Br. [valid name: *Calotropis gigantea* (Linn.) W.T.Aiton] or *Calotropis procera* R.Br.; E. Wiedemann II, 178, 239, 377, 393–396: ‘uschar, *Calotropis procera*. Compare on *Calotropis*: Dymock et al. II, 428–437; Flückiger and Hanbury 380–382 (cortex mudar).

⁵⁹⁴ This can only be the same as *lahyatutīsa*, described at 2.2.1004–1005: *lahyatutīsa* – *śirīṣah* / *sirasa*. *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.244: *siras*, Persian name *darakht zakariyā*, Sanskrit name *śirīṣa*. Achundow: absent. Ainslie: absent. Al-Biruni: absent. Al-Kindi: absent. Daljīt Simḥa 682: *siras*, Hindī name, *darakht-e-zakariyā*, Arabic name of some species of *Albizia*: *Albizia lebbeck* (L.) Benth. [valid name: *Albizia lebbeck* (Linn.) Benth.], *Albizia odoratissima* Benth. [valid name: *Albizia odoratissima* (Linn.f.) Benth.], and *Albizia procera* Benth. [valid name: *Albizia procera* (Roxb.) Benth.]. Hand Book: absent. Schlimmer: absent. Schmucker: absent.

⁵⁹⁵ The *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.185) mentions as substitutes the seeds of *kulfā*, *kāsanī*, and

tīna – makhatama⁵⁹⁶ / mṛdviśesah⁵⁹⁷

2.2.771–774:

ślakṣṇā ‘ruṇā grāhiṇī ca samā turyasvabhāvataḥ /
 śaktih kābij mufarrah ca mukavvī kalava smṛtā //
 mudammil hābisa jñeyā raktasya bhiṣaguttamaiḥ /
 pralimped aśitādantam vāsasī kṣaudragandhayuk //
 badal tiryāk vā tīn armanī kṣatajāmaye /
 miśritā śailajājenāsrjātaṅkavighātakṛt /
 carācaraviṣaghni syād dhāroṣṇapayasaśitā //
 pītā śarbata añjuvārasahitā nafsuldamadhvaṇsiṇī /
 tadvad bījabhave naloniṣipayasā raktatisārāpahā //
 śīrṣno hṛtkamalasya ca draviṇadā māṭrā diramsammitā /
 saṃtāpam harati kṣanena ca yathā pūrṇah sudhādīdhitiḥ //

It is smooth, of a ruddy colour,⁵⁹⁸ astringent, and neutral with regard to the four natures.⁵⁹⁹

Its actions are said to be constipating,⁶⁰⁰ exhilarating,⁶⁰¹ and tonic for the heart.⁶⁰²

It is regarded as styptic with regard to blood by the best of physicians.⁶⁰³

white sandal.

⁵⁹⁶ Al-Biruni 216–217: *tīn-i-makhtūm*. Schmucker 293–294 (476): *tīn makhtūm*, sigillata, Siegelerde. The only āyurvedic treatise to employ this clay, calling it *makhatūma*, is the *Siddhabhaiṣajyamañjūṣā* (*jvara* 81).

⁵⁹⁷ The kinds of clay described in the *Hikmatprakāśa* are, one kind excepted, absent from the *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*. Instead, the latter describes *gil bāgastānī* (the Persian name) or *tīn bāgastānī* (the Arabic name), *gil multānī* (the Persian name) or *tīn multānī* (the Arabic name), and *khaṭikā* (the Sanskrit name), called *gil safed* in Persian and *tīn-ul abijaya* (= *abyaḍ*) in Arabic. The only kind dealt with in both treatises is *tīn-ul fārasī*.

⁵⁹⁸ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.67–68: it is a clay of a red colour.

⁵⁹⁹ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.67: it is cold and dry.

⁶⁰⁰ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.68: it is *baddhak*.

⁶⁰¹ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.68: *prasannatāprada*.

⁶⁰² *qalb* can mean heart, mind, intelligence. *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.68: it gives strength to the heart.

⁶⁰³ The *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.68) agrees: *vahtehue rudhirkī ruddhak hai*.

The corrective is *tiryāk*⁶⁰⁴ or *tīn armani* in diseases arising from a traumatic wound.⁶⁰⁵

Mixed with *śailajāja*⁶⁰⁶ it opposes blood diseases. Ingested together with milk warm from the cow it destroys poisons, of both animal and vegetable origin.⁶⁰⁷ Drunk in a potion together with *añjuvāra*⁶⁰⁸ it annihilates *nafsul-dam*.⁶⁰⁹ In the same way, along with milk of an unblemished cow,⁶¹⁰ it drives away bloody diarrhoea. It gives power to the head and the heart. The dose is one *dirham*. It removes the heat of fever (*samtāpa*) in the same way as the full moon.

⁶⁰⁴ Two kinds of *tiryāk* are distinguished. Compare the verses on opium and 3.37–43. See on preparations of the *tiryāq* type: Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 165–167.

⁶⁰⁵ Abhinavanighantu, p.68: *katīrā* and honey are correctives; the substitute is *gerū*, red ochre.

⁶⁰⁶ *śailajāja* is not intelligible. I propose to read *śailajāta* and to regard this as identical with *sailaja*, a synonym of *śaileya*, commonly identified as a lichen, *Parmelia perlata* (Huds.) Ach. See, for example, Dymock et al. III, 627–628; Thakur Balwant Singh and K.C. Chunekar, 408–409; The Wealth of India VI, 85. A second option is to interpret *śailajāta* as one of the names of *śilājatu*. See on kinds of *śilājatu*: Nadkarni II, 23–32.

⁶⁰⁷ The *Abhinavanighantu* (p.68) remarks that it destroys all kinds of poison.

⁶⁰⁸ Al-Biruni I, 53 (123): *anjubar*, identified as *Vitex agnus-castus* Linn. [this is a valid name]; II, 78: *anjibār*, *Polygonum bistorta* Linn. [valid name: *Bistorta officinalis* Delarbre]. Daljīt Simḥa 5–6: *anjabār*, *Polygonum bistorta* Linn. Compare on *Polygonum bistorta*: Achundow 384 (299). Described at 2.2.110. Compare Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa I, 179–180: *añjavār*, *añjuvār*, *Polygonum aviculare* [valid name: *Polygonum aviculare* Linn.], *Polygonum bistorta*, *Polygonum viviparum* [valid name: *Polygonum viviparum* Linn.]. See on *Polygonum aviculare*: Dymock et al. III, 148–150, on *Polygonum bistorta*: III, 150. The Siddhaprayogalatikā (22.30) is acquainted with *añjavāra*.

⁶⁰⁹ This term is explained in the comments ad 2.2.128 as Sanskrit *rudhirodgirāṇam* and ad 2.2.339 as Sanskrit *raktaniṣṭhīvanam*, haematemesis and haemoptysis. The spelling varies; *najafuldam* occurs at 2.2.760 and is also explained as *raktaniṣṭhīvanam* in the commentary.

⁶¹⁰ This is a tentative translation. *niloh* means unblemished.

*tīna-armānī*⁶¹¹

2.2.775–776:

*rūkṣā śītaikadhā śarbat añjuvārayutāśitā /
raktapittam nibadhnāti pīnasam tamakam jayet //
phupphusasya kṣatapūrṇam vidadhyāj jvaranāśinī /
nīma miskāla mātrāsyā gulāba vikṛtiṇ haret //*

It is dry and cold to the first degree.⁶¹²

When ingested in a potion, together with *añjuvāra*, it suppresses *raktapitta*⁶¹³ and conquers *pīnasa* and *tamaka*.⁶¹⁴ It brings about *kṣataksīṇa* of the lungs⁶¹⁵ and annihilates fever.

Its dose is half a *miskāl*; rose water will remove untoward effects.⁶¹⁶

⁶¹¹ Achundow 229 (374): *gil-i armenī*. Ainslie I, 42–44: *tīn armanī*, bole armenic. Al-Biruni 217 (24): *tīn armīnī* and 221 (63): Armenian bole or bole Armeniac. Hand Book 403 and 487. Nadkarni II, 94–95: Armenian bole. Schmucker 293 (476): *tīn armanī*. This Armenian clay is known to the author of the *Siddhabheṣajamaṇimālā* (4.985: *gilaramanī*). See on this substance: C.D. Maclean (1982), 308 (s.v. *ghil*); Nadkarni II, 94–95. See on kinds of clay used in the Muslim world: E. Wiedemann II, 401–402.

⁶¹² Achundow 229: the same.

⁶¹³ Achundow 229: sie unterdrückt Blutspeien. See on *raktapitta*: *Carakasamhitā*, *Nidānasthāna* 2; *Suśrutasamhitā*, *Uttaratatantra* 45; *Mādhavanidāna* 9.

⁶¹⁴ See on *tamaka*, a respiratory disorder: *Mādhavanidāna* 12.27–34.

⁶¹⁵ This translation is based on an emendation: *kṣatapūrva* instead of *kṣatapūrṇa*. The latter is only understandable if one assumes that ‘lungs full of lesions’ may be the intended meaning, despite the incorrect grammar. Achundow 229: sie nützt gegen Schwindsucht, indem sie die Krankheitsproduktion in den Lungen trocknet. See on *kṣataksīṇa*: *Mādhavanidāna* 10.21–31.

⁶¹⁶ This means that rose water is the corrective.

*tīnakuvrasti*⁶¹⁷ / *gile ‘stagulaguna*⁶¹⁸

2.2.777–779:

khanḍitāntar bhavet pītā rekhabhir nicitā punah /
śoṇavarṇā ca sapadi jāyate karamarditā //
śitā rūkṣaikadhoṣṇātho āsyasaurabhyakṛn mṛduḥ /
bhagnasamdhānakṛt rogangul gulābayutāthavā //
*pralepād śitā sadyo raktaṣṭhīvananāśakṛt*⁶¹⁹ /
raktātisaraṇam hanti gilmakhatūma badal mataḥ //

When divided into pieces the interior will be yellow and covered with lines.
 When rubbed with the hands, it becomes suddenly crimson (in colour).

It is cold and dry to the first degree and also hot.⁶²⁰ It brings about fragrance
 of the mouth and is soft.

It heals fractures⁶²¹ when rose oil or rose water is added to it.

In an ointment it immediately destroys haematemesis. It makes bloody diarrhoea disappear.

*gilmakhatūma*⁶²² is regarded as its substitute.

⁶¹⁷ *qubrus* is the Arabic name of Cyprus. Achundow 229: *gil-i qubrusī*, terra cyprica, Kupfererde. Al-Biruni 217 (26): *tīn qabradi*, green-layered clay. *gil* is the Persian equivalent of Arabic *tīn*.

⁶¹⁸ This name has not been identified.

⁶¹⁹ Achundow 229: sie unterdrückt das Blutspeien.

⁶²⁰ Achundow 229: sie ist kalt und trocken.

⁶²¹ See on fractures in Āyurveda: *Mādhavanidāna* 44. See on fractures and their treatment in Islamic medicine: Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 289–300.

⁶²² Achundow 229 (375): *gil-i machtūm*, terra sigillata, Siegelerde.

*tīnafārasī gilasaraśoya*⁶²³

2.2.780–782:

*praśastā pāṭalā rūkṣā śītā caikaguṇā smṛtā /
vajarkutūnā-sāndrāmbhaḥ piṣṭā lepān niyacchati //
kaśanījtara-nīreṇa tathaiva parikalpita /
raktaśothaṇi dvimiskālamātrā prāśe prakīrtitā //
badal ca gilahā dīgar pratinidhir aparā mr̥dah //*

The kind that is *pāṭala* (in colour) is the recommended one, said to be dry and cold to the first degree.⁶²⁴

It suppresses swelling by blood⁶²⁵ (when used) as an ointment, crushed with the mucilaginous water of the seeds of *bajr katūnā* and also with the freshly prepared water of *kaśanīj*.

Its dose is proclaimed to be two *miskāl* when ingested.

Its substitutes are other kinds of clay.⁶²⁶

⁶²³ Compare *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.193: *gil saraśūya* (the Persian name), *tīn-ul fārasī* (the Arabic name).

⁶²⁴ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.193: cold and dry.

⁶²⁵ Compare *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.193: *śothako layakartā*.

⁶²⁶ This statement is made twice by employing Persian and Sanskrit terms.

afasa⁶²⁷ – mājūphala⁶²⁸

2.2.807–809:

*śastam acchidrapälāśam śītam rūkṣam dvidhā tridhā /
śaktih kābija raktasya hāvis uktā bhiṣagvaraiḥ //
mātrā diram 1 darpaghnam labsanovara īritam /
badal juftavalūta syāt tamre turfā tathaiva ca //
tavvalāsa tathā posta anāra parikalpitah /
pāyunihsaraṇam somam hanti kvāthe ‘sya saṃsthitiḥ //*

Recommended are those without holes and of a *pälāśa* colour. They are cold and dry to the second, respectively third degree.⁶²⁹

The best of the physicians say that their actions are constipating⁶³⁰ and styptic with regard to blood.⁶³¹

Their dose is one *dirham*. Their corrective⁶³² is said to be the pith⁶³³ of a

⁶²⁷ Achundow 234–235 (399): ‘afs, Galläpfel. Ainslie I, 144–146: galls from *Quercus Infectoria* (Oliv.), called ‘afs in Arabic, *māzū* in Persian. Al-Biruni 229 (28): ‘afd and 239 (77): oak-gall. Al-Kindi 305 (203): ‘afs, gallnut, probably of the oak. Daljīt Siṁha 574–575: afs, *Quercus infectoria* Olivier. Schmucker 301–302 (492): ‘afs, Galläpfel. E. Wiedemann II, 378: Gallapfel, ‘afs.

⁶²⁸ Achundow 234: the Persian name of ‘afs. Ainslie I, 144–146: *māzū* is the Persian name of galls. Al-Biruni 229 (28): *māzū* is the Persian name of ‘afd; *mājūphala* is the Hindī name. Usually, galls of *Quercus infectoria* Olivier [this is a valid name] are employed. Schmucker (301) also mentions *Quercus lusitanica* Lam. [this is a valid name]. Daljīt Siṁha 504–505: *mājūphala*, the galls of *Quercus infectoria* Olivier. Compare Dymock et al. III, 360–364; Flückiger and Hanbury 536–538 (gallae halepenses). Āyurvedic texts are acquainted with *mājūphala*; this drug is prescribed in the *Bhāvaprakāśa* (72.39), though it is absent from its *Nighantu*; *mājū* is repeatedly prescribed in Harṣakīrti’s sixteenth-century *Yogacintāmaṇi*.

⁶²⁹ *Abhinavanighantu*, p.196: cold to the first and dry to the second degree. Achundow 234: erwärmend und trocknend im zweiten Grade. Daljīt Siṁha 505: cold to the first degree, dry to the second degree. Yādavaśarman (343): cold to the first, dry to the second degree. *Śāligrāmanighantubhūṣaṇa*, p.1212: cold and dry according to the *Sodhalanighantu*, hot according to the *Nighantu*.

⁶³⁰ *Abhinavanighantu*, p.196: *jīrṇātisār kā baddhak*.

⁶³¹ *saṃgrāhin* and *raktastambhana* in *Yūnānī*.

⁶³² *Abhinavanighantu*, p.196: correctives are *katīrā* and the resin of *babbūla*.

⁶³³ *labb* means pith, kernel in Persian.

sanovara.⁶³⁴

Substitutes are⁶³⁵ *juftuvalūta*,⁶³⁶ also dates (*tamr*),⁶³⁷ *turfā*,⁶³⁸ prepared together with (*tavval*) *ās*⁶³⁹ and the rind of pomegranate. It cures, after staying in its decoction, *soma* that comes out of the anus.⁶⁴⁰

⁶³⁴ Achundow 226–227 (365) and 382 (283 (365)): *sanaubar*, *Pinus*. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 521–522: *sanaubar*, *Pinus pinea*. Hamdard 410: *samaghe sanobar*, the resin of *Pinus longifolia* Roxb. [valid name: *Pinus palustris* Mill. = *Pinus longifolia* Salisb.]. Schmucker 283–284 (462): *şanawbar*, *Pinus L.*, sources: *Pinus halepensis* Mill. [this is a valid name], *Pinus pinea* L. [this is a valid name], and other species. E. Wiedemann II, 377: *şanaubar*, Pinie. Compare on *Pinus longifolia*: Dymock et al. III, 378–380.

⁶³⁵ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.196: substitutes are the large myrobalan (*baṛī haraṛ*) and the rind (*chīl*) of the pomegranate.

⁶³⁶ Described at 2.2.340: *juptuvalūta*. Compare *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.177: *balūt*, the Arabic name of a plant. Achundow 157 (51): *balūt*, *Quercus*. Al-Biruni I, 75–76 (27): *ballūt* and Schmucker 120 (143): *ballūt*, *Quercus ilex* L. [this is a valid name]

⁶³⁷ Achundow 172–173: *tamr*, *Phoenix dactylifera* [valid name: *Phoenix dactylifera* Linn.], Dattel. Daljīt Siṁha 209–210: *tamr ratab* is the Arabic name of *Phoenix dactylifera* Roxb. [this is not a valid name].

⁶³⁸ An entry on the leaves of *turfa* is found at 2.2.1124–1125: *varakulturfa - varagakaja / jhāūke patra*. Achundow 231 (387): *tarfa*, *Tamarix gallica* [valid name: *Tamarix gallica* Linn.]. Ainslie: absent. Al-Biruni 216 (11): *ṭarfā'*. Al-Kindi: absent. Daljīt Siṁha 353–354: *jhāū*, Hindī name, *tarfā*, Arabic name of *Tamarix troupii* Hole [valid name: *Tamarix indica* Willd. = *Tamarix troupii* Hole]. Schlimmer: absent. Schmucker 290–291 (470): *ṭarfā*, *ṭarfā'*, *Tamarix gallica*. E. Wiedemann II, 377: *ṭarfā'*, Tamariske. The tamarix is known as *jhāvū* to the *Siddhaprayogalatikā* (26.33). Compare on *Tamarix gallica*: Dymock et al. I, 160–161.

⁶³⁹ *ās* is the Arabic and Persian name of *Myrtus communis* Linn. [this is a valid name]. Achundow 144–145: *ās*, *Myrtus communis*. Ainslie: absent. Al-Biruni 22–23 (36): *ās*, and 58 (100): *Myrtus communis* L. Al-Kindi: prescribed, not described. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa II, 1218–1225: *ās*, *Myrtus communis* Linn. Daljīt Siṁha 63–64. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 480–481: *ās*, *Myrtus communis*. Hamdard 405–406: *hab-ul-ās*, the fruits of *Myrtus communis* Linn. Schlimmer 71: *baccae myrti*, *ḥabb-ul-ās*, and 394: *Myrti communis folia*, *barak-e-mūrd*. Schmucker 61: *ās*, *Myrtus communis* L. Unani Pharmacopoeia II, II, 259: *habb-ul-ās*, the dried fruits of *Myrtus communis* Linn. E. Wiedemann II, 300: *ās*, Myrthe. The āyurvedic *Siddhaprayogalatikā* employs *habbu-lasa* (2.18). Compare on *Myrtus communis*: Dymock et al. II, 32–34.

⁶⁴⁰ This is a reference to *somaroga*, a disease with polyuria as its main characteristic, described for the first time in Vāṅgasena's *Cikitsārasaṁgraha* (see G. Jan Meulenbeld IIA, 2000, 225–226); in the present context it seems to denote loss of fluid through the

unnāba⁶⁴¹ – niṣkaṇṭakabadarīphalaviśeṣah⁶⁴²

2.2.825–827:

*caturguṇam samam bhāve pittaraktanibarhaṇam /
ḥṛddāham māyukṣavathūm tamakam durjayam jayet //
vṛkkabastivyathām hanyāt hasbe jardrātapāpahaṇam /
khaśūnat halka sīne ham raphe gardad samaśnataḥ //
svarasam tu smṛtā mātrā saṃkhyayā viṁśatiḥ parā 20 /
śaktidvayam ihākhyātam mulayyana mulattifa //*

It is by nature neutral with regard to the four qualities⁶⁴³ and suppresses

anus.

⁶⁴¹ See Achundow 233 (393) and 384 (296): ‘*unnāb*, *Zizyphus sativus* [valid name: *Ziziphus jujuba* Mill. var. *inermis* (Bunge) Rehd. = *Ziziphus sativa* Gaertn. nom. illeg.]. Al-Biruni 232 (43): ‘*unnāb*. and 241, n.111: jujube, several species are sources: *Zizyphus vulgaris* Lam. [valid name: *Ziziphus jujuba* Mill. = *Ziziphus vulgaris* Lam.], *Zizyphus jujuba* Lam. [valid name: *Ziziphus mauritiana* Lam. = *Ziziphus jujuba* Lam.], and *Zizyphus lotus* [valid name: *Ziziphus lotus* (Linn.) Lam.]. Al-Kindi 236 (23): *anāb*, *Zizyphus*; three species are mentioned. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa II, 1537–1540: *unnāb*, *Zizyphus vulgaris* Lam. Daljīt Siṁha 80–81: *unnāb*, the Arabic name of *Zizyphus sativa* Gaertn. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 753: ‘*unnāb*, *Zizyphus vulgaris*. Schlimmer 557: ‘*annāb*, *Zizyphus jujuba* = *Ziziphus vulgaris*. Schmucker 304 (499): ‘*unnāb*, *Zizyphus sativus*, also *Ziziphus vulgaris* Lam. E. Wiedemann II, 378: *unnāb*, jujube. Compare on the jujube tree: Dymock et al. I, 350–351. Āyurvedic texts acquainted with *unnāva* and related terms are the *Siddhaprayogalatikā* (*unnāva*: 12.3; 19.32) and the *Siddhabhaiṣajyamañjūṣā* (*unnābha*: *jvara* 124; *rājayakṣman* 23).

⁶⁴² A kind of jujube without thorns. The various kinds of jujube tree and their fruits have many Sanskrit names: *badara*, *kola*, *karkandhu*, etc.

⁶⁴³ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.23: cold to the first degree. Achundow 233: cold and moist; Juhanna sagt, dass *Zizyphus* “mässig” sei und zwischen allen vier Grundeigenschaften in der Mitte liege. Yādavaśarman (147): *samaśītoṣṇa* and *snigdha* in Yūnānī. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa II, 1537: neutral (*mātadil*) with regard to heat and cold, somewhat dry or, according to another opinion, somewhat moist. *Carakasamhitā*, *Sūtrasthāna* 27.141: *badara* is moist. *Dhanvantariyanighaṇṭu* 5.97: moist. *Rājanighaṇṭu* 11.158: *badara* is hot; 11.161: *rājabadara* is cold (*sīśira*). *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* 139: *badarī* is cold and dry; the ripe fruit is hot.

raktapitta.⁶⁴⁴ It overcomes a burning sensation in the cardiac region,⁶⁴⁵ a watery catarrh, and *tamaka*, difficult to conquer.

It annihilates pain in kidneys and bladder and drives away the heat caused by the gross and subtle (types of *sītalā*).

Similarly,⁶⁴⁶ it removes⁶⁴⁷ roughness of throat and chest⁶⁴⁸ in someone who eats it.

The highest dose of its fresh juice is said to be twenty in number.

Two actions are mentioned in this case: laxative (*mulayyan*)⁶⁴⁹ and attenuant (*mulaṭṭif*).

commentary:

hasbe jardrā sthūlā sūkṣmā sītalā. khaśūnat halka sīne – kanṭhavakṣasoh śleṣmaṇah śuṣkatāsambhūtam jatharavtavam.

hasbe and *jardrā*⁶⁵⁰ are the gross and subtle (forms of) *sītalā*.⁶⁵¹

Roughness (*khaśūnat*) of throat (*khalq*) and chest (*sīnā*)—enlargement of the abdomen brought about by the dryness of the phlegm in throat and chest.⁶⁵² 2.2.828:

⁶⁴⁴ As in a *nighanṭu*, this may mean *pitta* and *rakta* or the disease called *raktapitta*. According to Hundow 233 (393): Juhanna sagt dasz es die Blutwallung unterdrücke. Daljīt Sīṁha 81: it pacifies *rakta*. Yādavaśarman (147): it purifies blood. *Carakasamhitā*, *Sūtrasthāna* 27.141: fresh *badara* subdues *vāta* and *pitta*, but in a dried state it subdues *vāta* and *kapha*, while it is neutral with regard to *pitta*. *Suśrutasaṁhitā*, *Sūtrasthāna* 38.48–49: *badarī* is *raktapittahara*. *Dhanvantarīyanighanṭu* 5.97: *badara* is *pittahara*. *Rājanighanṭu* 11.158: *badara* is *raktanāśana*; 11.161: *rājabadara* is *pittahara*. *Nighanṭuratnākara* 139: *badarī* is *pittāpahā*, the ripe fruit is *raktahara*. *Abhinavanighanṭu*, p.23: it purifies blood.

⁶⁴⁵ *Carakasamhitā*, *Sūtrasthāna* 10: *badara* is *hṛdyā*, beneficial to the heart.

⁶⁴⁶ *ham* means similarly, in the same way in Persian.

⁶⁴⁷ *raf* ‘*kardan* means to remove in Persian.

⁶⁴⁸ Confirmed by the *Abhinavanighanṭu*, p.23: *vakṣasthal ko mṛdukartā; chātī tathā kanṭha ke kharkharāne ko harānkartā hai*, it removes a rough sound from chest and throat.

⁶⁴⁹ *Abhinavanighanṭu*, p.23: *virecana*. Yādavaśarman (147): it is *sāraka* in *Yūnānī*. *Carakasamhitā*, *Sūtrasthāna* 27.141: *badara* is *bhedana*.

⁶⁵⁰ The Persian name of smallpox is *jadrī*. Persian *zard* means yellow; applied to *sītalā*, it may mean ‘purulent’.

⁶⁵¹ Compare on *haṣbe*, measles according to Wehr’s dictionary: 3.353, comm.: = *mahati* *sītalā*. Compare on *jardrā*: *vākyā* 3.358: *jadarī* and 3.353, comm.: = *svalpā sītalā*. See on *Sītalā*, the goddess of smallpox: G. Jan Meulenbeld IIB (2000), 265, n.76.

⁶⁵² This syndrome and its aetiology are not known from āyurvedic literature.

*sāṣṭipiṣṭam aśitaṁ divāniśam̄ karṣamātrabhadhavavedanākṣatam /
śītavāriparipīṭtam añjasā koṣṭhaśuddhikaraṇam smṛtam budhaiḥ //*

Crushed together with its kernel (*aṣṭi*), and eaten day and night, (it hurts by bringing about) a painful wound, already in a measure of a *karṣa*.⁶⁵³
Wise physicians regard it as instantly bringing about purification of the bowels when drunk together with cold water.

commentary:

hinasti sandhatta iti ca śeṣah.

One should supply (the following words): it harms and heals.

Correctives and substitutes are not mentioned.

*ambara*⁶⁵⁴ – *sugandhivisheṣah*⁶⁵⁵

2.2.829–830:

*dvīpāntarasthasya vṛkṣasya pheno romanthajo ambaranāmadheyah /
saurabhyaśampannatrṇāśanādyah kastūrikātulyaguṇākaraḥ syāt //
saurabhyaśampanna udagravīryo rūkṣoṣṇavīryo dviguṇam ca sūkṣmah /
śaityam̄ samītram̄ ca balāsakopam̄ vegam̄ nirundhyād vanitottamānām /
smarapradīpena madāndhakāram̄ narasya datte pramadākhyarūpam //*

⁶⁵³This is a tentative translation.

⁶⁵⁴Achundow: absent. Ainslie I, 15–17: ‘*anbār*. Al-Biruni: absent. Al-Kindi 307 (209): ‘*anbar*. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa I, 483–488: *ambra grasea*, *ambergris*. Daljīt Siṁha: absent. Hamdard 358: *ambra grasea*. Hand Book 533: *ambra grasea*. Schlimmer 33: ‘*anbar*, *ambra grisea*. Schmucker: absent. Yādavaśarman 388–389: Sanskrit name: *agnijāra*, Hindī name: *ambar*, *ambergris*. *agnijāra* is the Sanskrit name of this substance, frequently used in *rāsaśāstra* texts.

⁶⁵⁵A particular fragrant substance. A few late āyurvedic texts prescribe *ambara*, for example Kṛṣṇarāma’s *Siddhabheṣajamāṇimālā* (2.113), dating from the nineteenth century; the anonymous *Gandhavāda*, of uncertain date, mentions it several times (see G. Jan Meulenbeld IIA, 371 and 510). See on *ambra* in the Muslim world: E. Wiedemann I, 681; II, 9, 111, 127, 244–246, 270, 416–418. See also on *ambergris*: P.K. Gode (1948); C.D. Maclean, p.25.

The foam of a tree found on another continent and a product of rumination bears the name of *ambara*.⁶⁵⁶

It is a mine of qualities that are similar to those of musk (*kastūrikā*), being a product from eating fragrant grass.

Provided with fragrance and intense *vīryas*, it is dry and hot to the second degree⁶⁵⁷ and subtle in its action.

It suppresses coldness,⁶⁵⁸ wind,⁶⁵⁹ excitation of phlegm and the excitement of passion among the most excellent among women.

By the arousal of love it makes men blind from passion in the form of sexual delight.⁶⁶⁰

commentary:

mutprītiḥ pramado harṣaḥ kośo ‘marah / johara arvāha-nāmnā prathitah.

mud, prīti, pramada, harṣa (are synonyms) according to the *Amarakośa*.⁶⁶¹
They are widely known as the four jewels (*jauhar*).⁶⁶²

⁶⁵⁶ The *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.10) gives two opinions on the origin of *ambara*: it is the resin of some tree or the dung of some marine animal. See Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa I, 483–485 on various opinions on the nature and origin of *ambara*.

⁶⁵⁷ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.11: hot to the second and dry to the first degree. The Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (I, 487) regards it as hot and dry to the first degree, adding that others call it hot to the second degree and dry to the first degree, or hot to the first and dry to the second degree. Yādavaśarman 389: hot to the second, dry to the first degree in Yūnānī.

⁶⁵⁸ In agreement with the Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa I, 487. *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.10): *uṣṇatā kārak hai*, it generates warmth.

⁶⁵⁹ In agreement with the Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa I, 487.

⁶⁶⁰ Yādavaśarman 389: it is aphrodisiac. *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.10: aphrodisiac when used as an ointment on the penis. Compare Ainslie I, 16.

⁶⁶¹ Compare *Amarakośa* 1.24.cd.

⁶⁶² Compare Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa I, 487: *astuh ambar apne in guṇom ke samavāy ke kāraṇ sapūrṇa arvāh ke jauhar ko śakti detā aur unko baṛhātā hai*, on account of (the presence of) this assemblage of properties, *ambar* gives power to the full set of four jewels and increases it. Yādavaśarman 389: *ambara* is *saumanasyajanana*, causes cheerfulness.

2.2.831–832:

*mukavvī dil dimāg syāt samagarbī tu darpahā /
 āghrāṇam sitaraśmer vā karkaṭīprāśanam tathā //
 jāfarām muška badaladvayam uktam bhiṣagvaraiḥ /
 māṣonmitā śreṣṭhā yathādoṣam athāpi vā //*

It is a cardiac⁶⁶³ and brain tonic.⁶⁶⁴ Arabic gum is a corrective.⁶⁶⁵

Its smell is like that of the moon and eating *karkaṭī*.⁶⁶⁶

The best of physicians say that saffron and musk are the two substitutes.⁶⁶⁷

The optimal dose is a *māṣa* or one in conformity with the *dōṣa*(s).

⁶⁶³ The Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (I, 487) agrees. *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.10: beneficial in heart diseases. Yādavaśarman 389: it gives power to the heart (*hṛdayako bal denevālā*) in Yūnānī.

⁶⁶⁴ The Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (I, 487) agrees. Yādavaśarman 389: it gives power to the brain (*mastiṣkako bal denevālā*) in Yūnānī.

⁶⁶⁵ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p. 10: correctives are the gum of the *babūla* and camphor. The Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (I, 487) mentions as correctives: coriander seed (*dhaniyā*), Arabic gum, *tavāśīr*, and camphor.

⁶⁶⁶ Hand Book 533: its smell is like that of musk. The drug called *karkaṭī* is described at 2.2.486–487: *khiyāraḥ darāja kisā / karkaṭī*. Achundow 242 (442): *qiththā*, *Cucumis*, Gurke; man nennt sie auch *Chijār*. Al-Biruni 140 (19): *khīyār*, known as *qiththa'* in Arabic, and 151 (45): *Cucumis melo* var. *utilissimus* Duthie Fuller [valid name: *Cucumis melo* Linn. subsp. *melo* var. *utilissimus* (Roxb.) J.B.Duthie et Fuller]. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa III, 1870: *karkaṭī*, *Cucumis utilissimus* Roxb. [valid name: *Cucumis melo* Linn. subsp. *agrestis* var. *conomon* (Thunb.) Makino] and 2271. Daljīt Siṁha 223: *khiyār*, the Persian name of *Cucumis sativus* Linn. [this is a valid name], called *trapusa* in Sanskrit. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 203: *khiyār*, *qathīthā'*, *Cucumis sativus*. Schlimmer 171: *khiyār*, *Cucumis sativus*. Schmucker 189 (286): *khiyār*, a *Cucumis* species. E. Wiedemann II, 388 and 403–404: *qiththā'*, Gurke.

⁶⁶⁷ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.10: substitutes are musk and *kesara*. The Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (I, 487) mentions as a substitute a mixture of equal parts of *kastūrī* and *keśara*.

ūda hindī⁶⁶⁸ – agaruh⁶⁶⁹

2.2.833–836:

*kṛṣṇāgarur guruḥ śreṣṭhaḥ puruṣo nīrānimnagah /
nistiṣo śiṣirah rūkṣo dvidhā sudve kuśā smṛtaḥ //*

*vātānulomanah śleśmakhaṇḍano gr̥hamāṇḍanah /
dhūpena śrīkaraḥ kledaśoṣanah poṣano hr̥dah //
śīrkalāśīrājālabandhasya balavardhanah /
darpaghno ‘sya gulāba syā diram 1 mātrā prakīrtitā //
candanaṁ dāracīnī yā jāfarām mastagī tathā /
sumbala ‘tīva vā gr̥hī kramād badala īritah //*

The black *agaru* is heavy, the best kind, the male type,⁶⁷⁰ sinks down when put into water.⁶⁷¹ When devoid of its outer layer,⁶⁷² it is said to be hot and dry to the second degree.⁶⁷³

⁶⁶⁸ Achundow 384 (297): ‘ūd, Aloëxylon Agallochon [this is not a valid name], echter Aloëholzbaum; ausser dem genannten Baume lieferten noch drei andere Aloëholz, nämlich *Aquilaria malaccensis* Lam. [this is a valid name], *Aquilaria Agallocha* [valid name: *Aquilaria agallocha* Roxb.] und *Excoecaria agallocha* L. [this is a valid name]. Ainslie I, 479–481: Aloes wood or agallochum, *Aquilaria Ovata* (Lin.) [valid name: *Aquilaria ovata* Cav.], *Aquilaria Aghallocha* (Roxb.). Al-Biruni 234–235: ‘ūd, several kinds are distinguished, and 242 (139): *Aquilaria agallocha* (sic!) Roxb. and *Aquilaria malaccensis* Lamk (sic!). Daljīt Simhā 13–14: *ūdal hindī*, *Aquilaria agallocha* Roxb. 361: *ud-el-juj*, *Aquilaria agallocha* Roxb. Schlimmer 27: ‘ūd hindī, Aloëxylon. Schmucker 307–308 (506): ‘ūd, *Aloëxylon agallochon*, echter Aloëholzbaum.

⁶⁶⁹ Another very common Sanskrit name is *aguru*. See on *aguru* in the Muslim world: E. Wiedemann I, 680; II, 9–10, 113, 247–252, 263, 271, 378, 396, 416. Compare: Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa I, 38–41; Dymock et al. III, 217–226; Hobson-Jobson 16 (Aloes) and 335–336 (Eagle-wood).

⁶⁷⁰ I could not find references to a male type of *agaru*.

⁶⁷¹ Ainslie I, 481: the best kind is found, on trial, to sink in water. Yādavaśarman (323): *pānīmēm dūb jāve aur raīgmēm kālā ho vah agar uttam hotā hai. Abhinavanighāṇṭu*, p.3: *jo jalmeṁ dūb jāve vah uttam hai. Kaiyadevanighāṇṭu, oṣadhibhāṣa* 1272cd: *kṛṣṇapradhānam aguruḥ lohavan majjate jale.*

⁶⁷² The qualification *nistiṣa* seems odd since *tuṣa* is the chaff of grain.

⁶⁷³ Daljīt Simhā (14) and Yādavaśarman (323): *aguru* is hot and dry to the second degree. *Abhinavanighāṇṭu*, p.3: hot to the second and dry to the third degree. Āyurvedic texts regard *agaru* as hot: *Dhanvantariyanighāṇṭu* 3.26; *Rājanighāṇṭu* 12.39; Yādava-

It regulates the course of *vāta*,⁶⁷⁴ removes *kapha*,⁶⁷⁵ and adorns the house. When used for fumigation, it provides beauty, dries up moisture, and nourishes the heart;⁶⁷⁶ it increases the strength of the head, of the *kalās*,⁶⁷⁷ vessels, *jālas*⁶⁷⁸ and *bandhas*.⁶⁷⁹

Its corrective is *gulāba*⁶⁸⁰ and its dose is proclaimed to be one *dirham*. Substitutes are, in due order, sandal, *dāracīnī*, saffron, and *mastagī*,⁶⁸¹ or the astringent (*grāhin*) *sumbala atīva*.⁶⁸²

commentary:

srotahsamśodhana *ityarthah*.

śarman 323.

⁶⁷⁴ Yādavaśarman (323): *vātānulomana* according to Yūnānī; *vāt nāś karnevālā* according to āyurveda. Daljīt Siṁha (14) agrees. *Suśrutasamhitā*, *Sūstrasthāna* 38.24–25: *vātakaphau nihanyāt*. *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* 3.36: it is *vātāpaha*. *Rājanighaṇṭu* 12.39: it is *vātajit*. *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.3: *vāyu ko layakārak*.

⁶⁷⁵ Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu 3.36: it is *kaphāpaha*. Yādavaśarman (323): *kapha nāś karnevālā*. *Suśrutasamhitā*, *Sūstrasthāna* 38.24–25: *vātakaphau nihanyāt*.

⁶⁷⁶ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.3: *hṛdaya ko prasannakartā*.

⁶⁷⁷ See on the anatomical structures called *kalā*: *Suśrutasamhitā*, *Śārīrasthāna* 4.5–20; Āyurvedīyaviśvakaśa III, 2310.

⁶⁷⁸ See on the anatomical structures called *jāla*: *Suśrutasamhitā*, *Śārīrasthāna* 5.6.

⁶⁷⁹ The meaning of *bandha* in this context is difficult to determine. Compare *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.3: *snāyuṃ ko balaprada, indriya, mastiṣka sambandhī sandhi ko balaprada*.

⁶⁸⁰ Daljīt Siṁha 14: correctives (*nivāraṇ*) are camphor and an *arka* of roses (*gulābapuṣpārka*). *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.3: correctives are *kapūr* and *gulāb*.

⁶⁸¹ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.3: substitutes are *dālcīnī*, *lavaṅga* (cloves), and *keśara*.

⁶⁸² See on *sumbalaätīva*: *jaṭāmāṇsi*: 2.2.675–677.

khiyāra śamvara⁶⁸³ – rājavṛkṣah⁶⁸⁴ – amalatāsa⁶⁸⁵

2.2.488–491:

*kṛtamālaḥ samo vīrye guṇe ca sraṃsanas tathā /
balāsasāndratāṁ hanti dagdhapittavirecakah //
śūlaghno guḍasāmyuktaḥ sarpiṣā yojito ‘pi vā/
sāndranīre ‘sya golasya kaśanījtarsādhite //
śamyākasyāpi samyojyam sāram gaṇḍūṣam ācaret /
khunāka kanṭharogākhyam gadam saṃharati drutam //
kustumburusvarasakarṣitam aspagola sāndrāmbukoṣṇavihito
galarodharoge /
gaṇḍūṣakarma vidhinā dṛḍhapāśabandham pittodbhavaṇ
kaphabhavam ca nirākaroti //⁶⁸⁶*

kṛtamāla⁶⁸⁷ is neutral with respect to *vīrya* and *guṇa⁶⁸⁸* and, in addition, laxative (*sraṃsana*).⁶⁸⁹ It overcomes the viscosity (*sāndratā*) of phlegm⁶⁹⁰

⁶⁸³ Achundow 196 (178) and 369 (136): *chijâr-schanbar*, *Cassia fistula* L. [this is a valid name]. Ainslie I, 60–62: *khiyār shanbar*, the Arabic and Persian name of *Cassia Fistula* (Lin.). Al Biruni 140–141: *khiyār shambar* and 151 (48): *Cassia fistula* L. Al-Kindi: absent. Daljīt Simha (35): *khiyār cambar* is the Persian name, *khiyār śabar* the Arabic name of *Cassia fistula*. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 121: *khiyār shambar*, *Cassia fistula*. Hamdard 370–371: *khayar-shambar* is the Arabic name of *Cassia fistula* Linn. Schmucker 189 (287): *khiyārshambar*, *Cassia fistula* L. Unani Pharmacopoeia: *khiyar shambar* is the Arabic and Persian name of *Cassia fistula* Linn. Compare on *fructus Cassiae fistulae*: Flückiger and Hanbury 195–197. See also: Dymock et al. I, 511–515.

⁶⁸⁴ One of the Sanskrit names of *Cassia fistula* Linn. The most common name is *āragvadha*.

⁶⁸⁵ The Hindī name of *Cassia fistula* is *amaltās*.

⁶⁸⁶ This verse is in *vasantatilakā* metre.

⁶⁸⁷ This is one of the Sanskrit names of *Cassia fistula* Linn.

⁶⁸⁸ *Abhinavanighantu*, p.12: hot and moist to the first degree and somewhat *mātadil*. Achundow 196: mässig heiss, kalt, trocken und feucht. Yādavaśarman: hot and moist according to Yūnānī, cold according to āyurveda. *Kaiyadevanighanṭu*, *oṣadhivarga* 944: it is cold. *Dhanvantarīyanighanṭu* 1.222: *kṛtamāla* is cold. *Rājanighanṭu* 9.337: it is hot.

⁶⁸⁹ Achundow 196: it is a mild laxative. *Kaiyadevanighanṭu*, *oṣadhivarga* 944: it is *mṛdurecaka*. *Dhanvantarīyanighanṭu* 1.222: it is *sara*. Yādavaśarman (182): it is a mild laxative (*mṛdurecaka*) according to āyurveda.

⁶⁹⁰ Achundow 196: reinigt den Magen und Darmkanal von Feuchtigkeit. *Suśrutasamhitā*, *Sūtrasthāna* 38.6–7: *āragvadha* is *śleṣmāpaha*. *Kaiyadevanighanṭu*, *oṣadhivarga* 944:

and drives out burnt bile.⁶⁹¹

It cures piercing pain⁶⁹² when combined with *guda* and in combination with ghee it acts the same way when the viscous water of this round mass has been prepared with the juice of *kāsanīj*.

One should also administer it as a *gandūṣa* after adding the heartwood of *śamyāka*.⁶⁹³

The disease of the throat called *khunāka*⁶⁹⁴ is quickly eliminated.

Aspagola, taken out of the juice of *kustumburu*, administered according to the rules as a *gandūṣa* in the disease (called) *galarodha*, attached to him (i.e., the patient) with a strong tie, removes it when brought about by bile or by phlegm.

commentary:

āragvadhasārānvita eva gandūṣah. agara – khiyāra śambabarādara āba-kāsanī inavuḥ sāliba halkarde andake rogan bādāma āmekhtaha vinīṣada yarkāmrā jāyala gardānada.

The mouthwash (*gandūṣa*) should be provided only with the heartwood of *āragvadha*,⁶⁹⁵ or *khiyāra śambara*⁶⁹⁶, dissolved in water of *kāsanī*, *inavu* and *sālib*, mixed⁶⁹⁷ with some⁶⁹⁸ almond oil. This averts⁶⁹⁹ jaundice (*yargān*).⁷⁰⁰

it is *doṣatrayahara*. Yādavaśarman: *kaphakā nāś karnevālā*.

⁶⁹¹ Actions mentioned in The Unani Pharmacopoeia (I, I, 55): *mushil* (causing to flow), *mulayyin* (laxative), *muhallil-e-waram* (resolving swellings/anti-inflammatory), *mudirra-e-haiz* (emmenagogue). Yādavaśarman (182): according to Yūnānī: *śothoṇko vilīn karnevālā*. *Abhinavanighāṇṭu*, p. 12: it reduces hot swellings (*uṣṇaśotha layakartā*), it alleviates diarrhoeal defecation (*atīsār dvārā malko sugamantāse nikāltī hai*), its leaves dissolve all kinds of swelling (*iske patte sampūrṇa śothoṇko layakārak hain*).

⁶⁹² Achundow 196: Von Nutzen bei Kolikschmerzen. *Kaiyadevanighāṇṭu*, *oṣadhivarga* 945: it is *śūlanud*.

⁶⁹³ A synonym of *āragvadha*, *Cassia fistula* Linn.

⁶⁹⁴ Cf. comm. ad 2.2.189–190.

⁶⁹⁵ *Cassia fistula* Linn.

⁶⁹⁶ Daljīt Simhā 35: *khiyāracāmbara*, *Cassia fistula* Linn.

⁶⁹⁷ Persian *āmegh* = mixture.

⁶⁹⁸ Persian *andake* means some, a small quantity.

⁶⁹⁹ Persian *gardānīdan* = to avert.

⁷⁰⁰ The words *vinīṣada* and *jāyala* remain unidentified.

2.2.492:

*kāsanī inabuh sālib samgrāhyah svaraso ‘nayoḥ /
roganbādāmasamyuktaḥ pītah syāt kāmalāpahah //*

The juice collected from *kāsanī*, *inabu*⁷⁰¹ and *sālib*,⁷⁰² joined to almond oil and drunk, drives away jaundice.

commentary:

suparnakasārasaṃyukta eva mātrā 5|7|10 diram, śaktayah 3 muhallila mu-
layyana musalih arve 4 akhalāt khasūsa safarā lajubalgamrā. darpaghñāni
roganbādāma śīrīm mastagī anesūm tamarahindī. badala 3 turañjavīm
mabīja bedānā andaketurbudah.

With the heartwood of *suparnaka*⁷⁰³ only added, is the dose five, seven or ten *dirham*.

The actions are three (in number): resolvent, laxative, and corrective with respect to the four humours, in particular (*khuṣṭa*) yellow bile and viscous

⁷⁰¹ Achundow 232–233: ‘*inabu*, grapes. Ainslie I, 156–158: Arabic name ‘*inab*, Persian name *ankūr*, *Vitis vinifera* (Lin.). Al-Biruni 232 (44): ‘*inab* *khumrī*, and 241, n.112: *Vitis vinifera* L. Al-Kindi 306–307 (207): ‘*inab*, grape. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 737–738: ‘*inab*, *Vitis vinifera*. Schmucker 305 (500): ‘*inab*, grapes. E. Wiedemann II, 297, 379–380 (*karm*). See 2.2.821–823: *inava*, *aṅgūra* – *drākṣā* ‘*rdrā*.

⁷⁰² Ainslie I, 368–369: *salep*, *tha'lab misrī*, the root of *Orchis Mascula* (Lin.) [valid name: *Orchis mascula* (Linn.) Linn.]. Daljīt Simhā 676–677: *sālam miśrī*, the Hindī name of *Orchis mascula* Linn., *Orchis maculata* Linn. [valid name: *Dactylorhiza maculata* (Linn.) Soó = *Orchis maculata* Linn.], and *Orchis laxiflora* Lam. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 504: *sahlab*, *Orchis mascula*. Hamdard 408: *salab misri* is the Persian name of *Orchis mascula* Linn. Schlimmer 415: *tha'lab*, *Orchis mascula*. Unani Pharmacopoeia II, I, 236 and II, II, 260: the root of *Orchis latifolia* Linn. Compare Dymock et al. III, 384–387; Flückiger and Hanbury 592–594: *salep*; WIRM VII, 104: *salep*, *Orchis latifolia* Linn. [this is a valid name]. The *Siddhabheṣajamanimālā* (2.104; 4.52 and 779) prescribes this drug as *sālima*, a tuberous plant from *misaradeśa* (Egypt) according to the commentary. Vinodalā Sena’s Āyurvedavijñāna prescribes it under the Sanskrit name *sudhāmūlī* (see G. Jan Meulenbeld IIA, 356). The *Bṛhatpākāvalī* (36) and *Pākārṇava* describe a *sālimapāka*, the *Nighaṇṭuratnākara*(183) describes a *sālimakanda*.

⁷⁰³ *suparnaka* is one of the names of *Cassia fistula* Linn., though *suvarṇaka* is met with more often.

(*lajlajā*)⁷⁰⁴ phlegm.

The correctives are oil of *bādām śīrīm*, *mastagī*, *anesūm*, and *tamar hindī*. The substitutes are three in number: *turañjavīm*,⁷⁰⁵ raisins (*mabīja*)⁷⁰⁶ without the seeds (*bedānā*) and a slight amount of *turbud*.

*dārafīla*⁷⁰⁷ 2 – *kṛṣṇāḥ kanāḥ*

2.2.493–497:

capalā trigunoṣṇā ca rūkṣā vaidyais tathā smṛtā /
pakvāśayaṁ kabī kuryān mubahīśaktisamṛytā //
pācanī recanī cāpi saṁbhavet kāmadīpinī /
suddekuṣā jīgaṁ śaktir muskin aujāya eva ca //
hikkākāsapraśamāni balāsaṁ hrīsayaty api /
vātaśleṣmajvaraṁ hanti varṣma śaityam akhaṇḍitam //
śīraso na hitā muslih samag arabī prakīrtitāḥ /
tathāpare ca saṁprokte gulāba haricandanam //
badal asyāḥ samuddiṣṭo hy uṣaṇāṁ viśvabheṣajam /
jarambādāpi saṁkhyātas tathā pratinidhir budhaiḥ //

⁷⁰⁴This is probably a Hindī word.

⁷⁰⁵The same as *tarañjubīn*. This substance is described at 2.2.290–291. Compare Daljīt Sīmha 236.

⁷⁰⁶See 2.2.943–944: *kiśmiśa - mabījabedānā / kṣudrā drākṣā*. Ainslie I, 157; *mawīz*, raisins. Daljīt Sīmha 3: *mabīz bedānā*, raisins. Hand Book 311–317: *maviz*, raisins. Schlimmer 544: *uvae passae*, raisins, *mabīz*. Compare on *uvae passae*: Flückiger and Hanbury 140–142.

⁷⁰⁷Achundow 205 (254) and 371 (208): *dār-filfil*, *Piper longum* L. Ainslie I, 308–310: *dār filfil*, Arabic name, and *filfil darāz*, Persian name of *Piper longum* L. Al-Biruni 155 (1): *dār-i-filfil* and 160 (1): *Piper longum* L. Al-Kindī 266–267 (97): *dār filfil*, *Piper longum* L. Daljīt Sīmha 448–450: *dār-filfil*, Arabic name, and *filfil darāz*, Persian name of *Piper longum* L. Schlimmer: absent. Schmucker 192 (293): *dār filfil*, *Piper longum* L. Unani Pharmacopoeia II, I, 229 and II, II, 258: *filfilmoya*, the dried roots of *Piper longum* Linn. It is remarkable that Mahādevadeva employs the name *dārfil* instead of *dār filfil*. Compare on *Piper longum*: Dymock et al. III, 176–180.

*capalā*⁷⁰⁸ is hot and dry to the third degree⁷⁰⁹ according to the *vaidyas*. It makes the receptacle of digested food strong (*qawī*)⁷¹⁰ and is accompanied by an aphrodisiac action (*mubahī*).⁷¹¹ It promotes digestion (*pācana*)⁷¹² and purgation (*recana*) and, in addition, excites sexual desires.⁷¹³ It obstructs the vessels (*suddekuśa*)⁷¹⁴ and its actions are allaying (*muskin*) and *aujāya*.⁷¹⁵ It attenuates cough and difficult breathing⁷¹⁶ and puts phlegm to shame.⁷¹⁷ It removes fever by wind and phlegm⁷¹⁸ and coldness of the body altogether.⁷¹⁹ It is not beneficial for the head.⁷²⁰

The corrective (*muslih*) is *samag arabī* and two other (substances) as well: rose water (*gulāba*) and *haricandana*.⁷²¹

⁷⁰⁸ One of the Sanskrit names of *Piper longum* Linn. Its most common Sanskrit name is *pippalī*.

⁷⁰⁹ Achundow (205) agrees. Daljīt Siṁha (449) and Yādavaśarman (315): hot and dry to the second degree. *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* 2.74: *pippalī* is cold and moist. *Rājanighaṇṭu* 6.111: it is hot and moist.

⁷¹⁰ Compare *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.161: *āmāśay aur kamar* (waist, loins) *ko balapradā*.

⁷¹¹ Yādavaśarman (315): *vājikara* in *Yūnānī*. *Rājanighaṇṭu* 6.111: it is *vr̥ṣyā*, aphrodisiac.

⁷¹² *Suśrutasanhitā*, *Sūtrasthāna* 38.22–23: it is *āmapācana*. *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.161: it is *āhārapācaka*. Daljīt Siṁha agrees.

⁷¹³ Achundow (205) and Daljīt Siṁha (449) agree.

⁷¹⁴ Persian *sudd-e-kūsh jigan*.

⁷¹⁵ Compare *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p. 161: it is called *ojko cālanakartā*.

⁷¹⁶ Daljīt Siṁha (449) agrees. *Rājanighaṇṭu* 6.111 also agrees: *śvāsakāsāpaha*. Yādavaśarman (315): it is prescribed in cough and difficult breathing in *Yūnānī*.

⁷¹⁷ Yādavaśarman (315): it is prescribed in *kaphaja* diseases in *Yūnānī*. Daljīt Siṁha (449) supports this statement. I assume the verb *hr̥ṣayati* to be an error for *hrepayati*. *Suśrutasanhitā*, *Sūtrasthāna* 38.22–23: it is *kaphahara*. *Rājanighaṇṭu* 6.111 is in agreement: *śleṣmāpaha*.

⁷¹⁸ *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* 2.74: it is *jvaranāśanī*. *Rājanighaṇṭu* 6.111: it is *jvarahā*. Compare *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p. 161: *vāyuko layakartā*.

⁷¹⁹ I read *varṣmaśaityam*. *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.161: *udarke avayavom mem garmiko utpannakartā*. Yādavaśarman (315): it generates warmth (*uṣnatājanana*).

⁷²⁰ Daljīt Siṁha (449) observes that it may cause piercing pain in the head. Compare *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.161: *hānikartā*: *śirko aur śirahpīḍāprada hai*.

⁷²¹ A yellow kind of sandal wood. *haricandana* is dealt with at 2.2.744–746: *sandala – abiyaja – haricandanam*; *abiyaja* is Arabic *abyad*, i.e., white. *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.161: correctives are the gum of the *babūla* tree and sandal, substitutes are *śunṭhī* and *narkacūr*. The *Siddhaprayogalatikā* (19.26) employs *narakarcūraka*, identified as *Curcumā zedoaria* Rosc. Daljīt Siṁha (449) mentions the gum of *babbūla* and white sandal

Its substitute is taught to be black pepper (*usana*) (and) ginger (*viśvabhesaja*).⁷²² Wise (physicians) also mention *jarambāda*⁷²³ as its substitute.

as correctives, *nāremuṣk* and *sūrañjān* as substitutes. The tree *babbūla* is identified as *Acacia nilotica* (Linn.) Delile subsp. *indica* (Benth.) Brenan.

See 2.2.1086–1088 on *nāremuṣk*: *nāramuṣka* – *punnāgah* / *nāgakesara*. This plant (*punnāga*) is commonly identified as *Calophyllum inophyllum* Linn. [this is a valid name]. The plant called *nāgakeśara* is commonly identified as *Mesua ferrea* Linn. [this is a valid name]. The identity of *nāramuṣka* becomes uncertain by the mention of both *punnāga* and *nāgakeśara* as Sanskrit names. M. Abdul Kareem records that a plant called *Dillenia pentagyna* Roxb. [this is a valid name] is known in Sanskrit as *punnāga* and *nāgakeśara*.

Achundow (334) (32) says about *nārmuschk*: Tohfat: “es ist die Blüthe einer Pflanze, sieht gelblich roth aus und ist grösser als die Erbse. Sie ähnelt einer Granatapfelblüthe, welche noch nicht aufgeblüht ist.” Sontheimer übersetzt es an einer Stelle mit *Ignatia amara*, während er an einer anderen Stelle, gerade im betreffenden Artikel selbst, die Uebersetzung übergeht. Wichtiger ist für uns die Angabe von Prof. Dragendorff, welcher Nārmuschk für *Flores Cassiae* (und zwar *spuria*) erklärt und angiebt, dass man in Persien nach Honigberger unter den Namen Nārmuschk die Frucht der *Mesua ferrea* L. versteht. See on Tohfat: Achundow 299–300; on Dragendorff: Achundow 297. Ainslie, Al-Kindi, Hamdard, Hand Book: absent. Al-Biruni 319 (1): *nārmushk*, and 325 (1): identified as *Mesua ferrea* Linn. Daljīt Simḥa 407–408: *nāremuṣk* is the Persian name of *Mesua ferrea* Linn., called *nāgakesara* in Sanskrit. Schlimmer 370: *nārmishk*, the Persian name of *Mesua ferrea*. Schmucker 502–503: Persisch *nārmuṣhk* ist wie so viele mit “*nār-*” zusammengesetzte Namen nicht eindeutig zu bestimmen. A. Sigel (70) gibt: Blüte von *Cassia spuria* (Caesalpiniaceae), eine äusserst seltene Deutung. – *nārmuṣhk* wird sonst gedeutet als: wilder Granatapfel, Blüte von *jullanār* (see Schmucker 145 (201)), welches in seiner Bedeutung auch nicht vollständig geklärt ist, “une espèce de petite grenade qu'on tire du Khorâsân” (Dozy's Arabic dictionary II, 631), “an Indian fruit resembling the pomegranate, the flowers of which, when they fall, are fragrant (the best being of a whitish colour mixed with red)” (Steingass). Qurt (250) hat eine ganz andere Version, die fast sämtliche inhaltliche Anklänge an den Granatapfel vermissen lässt. Auch die Quellen Löws (see Achundow 299) zählen eine ganze Skala von Möglichkeiten für *jullanār* und *nārmuṣhk* auf. Nach diesen wirren Aussagen ist es nicht möglich, exakt zu definieren, um welche Pflanze bzw. um welchen Teil des Granatapfelbaumes es sich handelt. Es ist ja nicht einmal endgültig erwiesen, dasz überhaupt *Punica granatum* L. u. Var. in Frage kommen, wenn sich auch der überwiegende Teil der Quellen dahingehend äusserzt.

⁷²² Daljīt Simḥa (449) regards white pepper and ginger as substitutes.

⁷²³ Achundow 213 (292): *zurunbād*, *Amomum zerumbeth* [valid name: *Curcuma zedoaria*

An interesting *vājīkarana* recipe is found at 2.2.632–635:

*mistrdeṣe rodanīl nāchnāmanadyām samudbhavet /
prabhedo makarasyāyam sūter aṇḍam tīrapāliṣu //
tadantahṣtho viśed ambhah sa nakro yaḥ prasarpati /
parito vālukābhūmau sakankūra sa saṃsmṛtaḥ //
sakanakūra varalmāhī dvayor bheda itīva hi /
tīrasthāyī sakankūra varalmāhī vanecaraḥ //
varal viśālaśīrṣā syāt pūtāruṇatanuprabhah /
jaraṭha śmaśrudharaś cātha kirmīraś cāparābhidhah //*

commentary:

abalaṅka, raṅga sabjī, jardī, syāhī, sapheda, māyala, bāśada, ślakṣṇākṛtiś ca.

2.2.636–641:

*anena saṃdaṣṭatanur mṛgayuḥ prathamaṇ jalam /
nirviśed yadi jīveta sakankūra mṛtiṇi vratjet //
damśam vidhāya sapadi nīram yadi viśet svayam /
tadā jīvet sakankūra mṛgayur layamāviśet //
sa cārdras triguṇam snigdhas tathoṣṇo gurur eva ca /
saṃśuddho lavaṇāktaś ca gharme saṃśoṣitaś ca yaḥ //
triguṇam laghurūkṣoṣṇo manaij mubahī tathā /
mātrā dirama 1 miskāle 1 masūro darpahā smṛtaḥ //
badal khusiyatuh sālib kajīb nargāva eva vā /
vr̥ndārakāyate kāmī sthaviro ‘pi niṣevanāt /
prasūneśusamābhah syād bahvātmajakaraś ca saḥ //*

(Christm.) Roscoe = *Curcuma zerumbet* (Berg.) Roxb.]. Ainslie I, 490 and 492–493; *Curcuma Zerumbet* (Roxb.), *zarambād* (Persian and Arabic name), *karcūra* (Sanskrit name). Al-Biruni 165 (8): *zurumbād* and 176 (25): *Curcuma zedoaria* Rose. Al-Kindi 274 (125): *zurunbād*, root of *Curcuma zerumbet* Roxb. Daljīt Siṁha 405–406: *zarambād*, *Curcuma zedoaria* Rosce. Schlimmer 556: *Zedoaria zerumbet*, *zarunbād*. Schmucker 215 (345): *zurunbād*, *Amomum zerumbeth*.

The river in Egypt that is called Rodanīl Nāch is the place of origin of a kind of *makara* that lays eggs on its banks. This crocodile-like animal (*nakra*) may enter the water when it stays on the bank; when it moves on, surrounded by sandy soil, it is called *sakankūr*.⁷²⁴

There are two different kinds of it: *sakankūr* (in the narrow sense) and *varalmāhī*.

The one that stays on the bank is the *sakankūr*, whereas the *varalmīhī*⁷²⁵ roams about among the wild plants.

The *varal* has a big head and its body has a yellow and ruddy lustre. It is violent, has a beard, and is also known as *kirmīra*.⁷²⁶

commentary:

It is spotted (*ablaq*). Its colours are green, yellow, black, white, ...⁷²⁷ it has a smooth body.

A hunter who, with a body that has been bitten by it, jumps into the water as the first one, will save his life while the *sakankūr* will die. If the *sakankūr*, after suddenly biting, enters into the water first itself, it will stay alive while the hunter will die.

⁷²⁴ Al-Kindi 283 (145): *saqanqūr*. Small desert lizard. *Scincus officinalis*. Dioscorides uses the lizard as an aphrodisiac. Al-Kindi employs this simple in a stomachic which is also good for excessive copulation. Maimonides gives the synonym as *waral*. In modern Egyptian Arabic, it is *waran*. It is still sold in the bazaars as an aphrodisiac. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa II, 1416: *isqanqūr*, *saqanqūr*, *Lacerta scincus*. Compare the comments ad 2.2.631: *sakanakūra varal regamāhī dara misara darayā rodanīla paidā me śabada / aj nasalata masāha yāne nihaṅga ‘sta*, (The animal called) *saqanqūr*, *waral*, (and) *rīgmāhī* occurs in Egypt in the river Rodanī. ... Compare *Abhinavanighantu*, p.235: the *sakankūr* is an animal called *rehū* in Hindī. See also G.S. Lavekar I, 379–381 on a sand lizard, *Tachydromus sexlineatus*, called *rege mahi* in Persian, used in Yūnānī medicine.

⁷²⁵ *Varalmāhī* or *varalmīhī* is an error.

⁷²⁶ Compare on an animal called *waral*: E. Wiedemann II, 356. See also Steingass: an animal of the lizard kind, with a broad head, a rough skin of a reddish yellow, swift of foot, with envenomed teeth, and a sting-tail.

⁷²⁷ The meanings of *māyala* and *bāśada* remain undetermined.

It is in a wet state moist, hot and heavy to the third degree. When it has been purified, besmeared with salt, and dried in the sun, it is light, dry and hot to the third degree, as well as causing an erection (*mun'id*), being aphrodisiac (*mubahī*).⁷²⁸

Its dose is one *dirham* one *mis̄kāl*; lentils mitigate its action.⁷²⁹

Substitutes are *khusiyatu*,⁷³⁰ *sālib*,⁷³¹ *kajib*,⁷³² and *nargāva*.⁷³³

Its use will make a lover the most excellent one, even if he be old; he will resemble Kāma and produce a numerous offspring.⁷³⁴

⁷²⁸ *Abhinavanighāṇṭu*, p.235: hot and moist in a fresh state, hot and dry to the second degree when dried. G.S. Lavekar I, 379–380: the flesh is considered as one of the most potent sexual stimulants; the fat of this animal is highly valued for its ability to stimulate the erectile power.

⁷²⁹ *Abhinavanighāṇṭu*, p.225: honey and lentils (*masūra*) are the correctives.

⁷³⁰ Absent from Daljīt Simḥa. Absent from Platts. Persian *khuṣyā* means a testicle. Achundow 369 (140): *chusa'l-tha'lab*, *Tulipa gesneriana* [valid name: *Tulipa gesneriana* Linn.]. Schmucker 184 (274): *khuṣat al-ta'lab*, *Tulipa gesneriana* L.; others regard it as an *Orchis*.

⁷³¹ It may well be that *khuṣyat sālib* is meant, which would literally mean a *sālib* testicle, i.e., its bulbous root, for *sālib* is the name of an *Orchis*; orchids have such roots, as their name indicates (Greek *orchis* = testicle). Sheriff (221) indeed records *khuṣyat al-tha'lab* as one of the names of the drug commercially called *salammisri*. Compare *Abhinavanighāṇṭu*, p.242: Persian name *khāyayerobāh*, Arabic name *khasiyatulsalab*, Sanskrit name *sudhāmūlī*.

⁷³² The meaning of this word remains unidentified. Absent from Daljīt Simḥa.

⁷³³ Absent from Daljīt Simḥa. Absent from Hand Book. It may be that *khuṣyat-e-nargāv* is meant, a bull's testicle, which is in conformity with the context and its testicle-like objects. The *Abhinavanighāṇṭu* (p.235) mentions as substitutes *sālabmiśrī* and *gājar*.

⁷³⁴ Actions according to the *Abhinavanighāṇṭu* (p.235): *iskā māṁs ojko balapradā*, *ojko atyant cālankartā*, *atyant vīryako utpannakartā*, *pakṣavadha*, *ardita*, *kampa*, *pādaharṣa*, *pādāṅgulipīḍā* aur *āmvātko guṇkartā* hai.

*tarakhūna*⁷³⁵ – *ākārakarabhaḥ*⁷³⁶ *ākarakaraha*⁷³⁷

2.2.761–763:

bustānīkhūba nirdiṣṭo rūkṣoṣṇatriguṇam dvidhā /
kiṃcic chītam samācaṣṭe rasanendriyamūrchanah //
kaṭutikta(ka)ṣāyādivrekavamanauṣadhāt /
arvāk kiṇcīt samaśitas tadrasenaiva bodhayet //
avāntikṛt kanṭharujam pipāsām kāmām nikāmām harasātkaroti /
karafsa darpaghna udīrito ‘sya mātrāṇy yathāyogyam uśanti vaidyāḥ //

The cultivated type⁷³⁸ is dry and hot to the third degree.⁷³⁹
 It is said to be somewhat cold and to make the tongue insensitive.
 Its tastes are pungent, bitter, astringent, etc., since it is a drug for purgation and vomiting.
 Sometime after ingesting it, it arouses its taste.
 It does not lead to vomiting; it inflames pain in the throat, thirst, sexual feelings and (other) desires.
 Its corrective is said to be *karafsa*. Physicians want the dosage to be in conformity with the circumstances.

commentary:

śaktih mukhaddir ata eva śīto ‘pi harārat garījīrā sākit khāmośa gardānada jīvoṣmaṇah praśamanatvāt.

⁷³⁵ Achundow 230 (384): *tarchūn*, *Artemisia Dracunculus* [valid name: *Artemisia dracunculus* Linn.]. Absent from Al-Kindi and Daljīt Simhā. Schmucker 289–290 (469): *ṭarkhūn*, *Artemisia dracunculus* L.

⁷³⁶ This item is dealt with twice. Compare 2.2.789–793.

⁷³⁷ Achundow 235 (404) and 385 (304): ‘āqirqarhā, *Anthemis Pyrethrum* L. s. *Anacyclus Pyrethrum* DC. [valid name: *Anacyclus pyrethrum* (Linn.) Link = *Anthemis pyrethrum* Linn.] Ainslie I, 300–302: ‘āqurqurhā, *Anthemis Pyrethrum* (Lin.). Daljīt Simhā 9–11: *akarkarā*, *Anthemis pyrethrum*. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 57: *al-‘āqarqarhā*, *Anthemis pyrethrum*; 76: *ṭarkhūn*, *Artemisia dracunculus*. Schmucker 289–290: die Gleichenzung Tabarī’s von *ṭarkhūm* mit ‘āqarqarā ist wahrscheinlich ein Irrtum, and 477 (p.295–296). Unani Pharmacopoeia I, II, 1: *Anacyclus pyrethrum* DC., Arabic names: *aaqarqarha*, *ood-ul-qarah*, Persian names: *beikh-e-tarkhun kohi* (Persian *bīkh* = root), *kakrah*. E. Wiedemann II, 293. Compare Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa I, 7–9; III, 2190–2191: *karkarā*. See also Dymock et al. II, 277–281; Flückiger and Hanbury 342–343.

⁷³⁸ The Persian word for garden is *bustān*.

⁷³⁹ Šāligrāmanighāṇṭubhūṣāṇa 155–156: it is hot.

Its action is anaesthetic/narcotic (*mukhaddir*)⁷⁴⁰ and just for that reason, though cold, the natural (*garīzī*) heat (*harārat*) is made silent (*sākit*) and dumb (*khamosh*) because it appeases the warmth of the living body.⁷⁴¹

ākarakarāhā⁷⁴² – ākārakarabhā⁷⁴³

commentary:

tarakhūna. toyavarge prāg uktah. svarūpaguṇapratītir api kiṃcid višeṣāt punar ucyate.

It has already been mentioned among the group of water and other fluids (*toya*) under the name of *tarakhūna*.⁷⁴⁴ Its own nature, qualities and degrees (of dryness, etc.) are mentioned once again with some particularities.⁷⁴⁵

2.2.789–791

kṣaudreṇa yuktah parisevito ‘yam apasmṛter mānuṣam āndhyamadhyāt / samuddharaty āśu ca luptasamjñām grāhād gajendram hi yathā rathāṅgī // pakṣanāśavināśī syād balāsabalānāśanāḥ / prātar jayati gandūṣān niśi sirkādrave sthitah // kavoṣṇo radanānām ca dāmaṣṭrāṇām vedanāmayam

⁷⁴⁰ See Ainslie I, 169, Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 432, and Hand Book 54.

⁷⁴¹ Actions according to the Unani Pharmacopoeia I, II, 2: *mukhaddir*, *muqawwī-e bah* (aphrodisiac), *moharrik* (stimulating), *musakkīn* (relieving/sedative).

⁷⁴² Achundow 235 (404) and 385 (304) ‘āqirqarhā, *Anthemis Pyrethrum* L. s. *Anacyclus Pyrethrum* DC. Ainslie I, 300–302: Arabic name āqarqarhā, *Anthemis Pyrethrum* (Lin.). Al-Biruni 223 (1): ‘āqir qarhā’, and 236, n.1: *Anacyclus pyrethrum* D.C. Al-Kindi 301–302 (191): ‘āqīr qarhā, *Anacyclus pyrethrum* D.C. [valid name: *Anacyclus pyrethrum* (Linn.) Link, with *Anthemis pyrethrum* Linn. as a synonym] Daljīt Simhā 9–11: akarkarā, *Anthemis pyrethrum*. Schlimmer 43: ‘āqarqarhā, *Anthemis pyrethrum*, syn. *Anacyclus pyrethrum*. Schmucker 295 (477): ‘āqir qarhā, *Anacyclus pyrethrum* DC.

⁷⁴³ This plant is employed under this name in post-classical āyurvedic treatises; examples are: *Śāringadharasamhitā* II.6.162cd and II.12.56; *Bhāvaprakāśa*, *cikitsāprakaraṇa* 72.76. It has numerous synonyms in āyurvedic literature. See on *Anacyclus pyrethrum*: Dymock et al. II, 277–281.

⁷⁴⁴ See 2.2.761–763 where the cultivated type is described.

⁷⁴⁵ This is the only example of a particular drug being dealt with twice in the *Hikmatprakāśa*.

When used together with *kṣaudra* honey, this (drug) quickly draws a human being out of the blindness of epilepsy,⁷⁴⁶ like Viṣṇu rescued the unconscious king of elephants from the demon.

It eliminates hemiplegia⁷⁴⁷ and annihilates the strength of phlegm,
It overcomes, if tepid, painful disorders in teeth⁷⁴⁸ and fangs⁷⁴⁹ when used as a mouthwash in the morning after staying in vinegar during the night.

commentary:

daṁṣṭrā jiras khūba ghajīdaha jabāna – praśasto rasanendriyodvejaka iti. farvaha puṣṭah andarūta sufedī māyala antahśubrah.

A fang, i.e., *jiras*.⁷⁵⁰ It strongly bites⁷⁵¹ the tongue (*jabān*), i.e., recommended (is the kind that) distresses the organ of taste. The body (remains in) a well-nourished condition. *andarūta*,⁷⁵² the white of an egg,⁷⁵³ ...⁷⁵⁴ with a spotless inside.⁷⁵⁵

⁷⁴⁶ Yādavaśarman (245) remarks that Yūnānī physicians give it in cases of epilepsy.

⁷⁴⁷ Yādavaśarman: it cures hemiplegia according to Yūnānī. Compare *Śāligrāmanighaṇṭu-bhūṣāṇa* 155–156: *vātam vināśayet*.

⁷⁴⁸ Used in *dantaśūla* by Yūnānī practitioners according to Yādavaśarman (245).

⁷⁴⁹ The use of *daṁṣṭrā*, mostly employed with reference to animals, is noteworthy.

⁷⁵⁰ The meaning of *jiras* is not clear.

⁷⁵¹ Persian *gazīdan* = to bite.

⁷⁵² Described at 2.2.117–118: *añjarūta*. Achundow 155 and 342–343: *anzarūt*, sarcocolla, Gummi eines auf Bergen wachsenden dornigen Baumes. Ainslie I, 380–381 and 629–630: sarcocolla, called *anzarūt* in Arabic, the resin of *Penaea mucronata* (Lin.) [valid name: *Penaea mucronata* Linn.]. Al-Biruni 45–46: *anzarūt* and 65, n.288: sarcocol, *Penaea mucronata* L. or *Astragalus sarcocolla* Dyn. Al-Kindi 236–237 (25): *anzarūt*, the gum of *Penaea mucronata* L. or *Astragalus sarcocolla* Dym. [this is not a valid name]. Daljīt Siṁha 6: *anzarūt*, *Astragalus sarcocola* Dymock. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 516: ‘*anzarūt*, *anzarūt*, *Penoea officinalis*, sarcocolla. Schlimmer 429: *Penaea mucronata*, *anzarūt*. Schmucker 95 (79): *anzarūt* or ‘*anzarūt*, sarcocolla; sources: *Penaea mucronata* L., *Penaea sarcocolla* L. [this is a valid name], *Penaea squamosa* L. [this is not a valid name], *Astragalus sarcocolla* Dym. E. Wiedemann II, 236. See on *Astragalus sarcocolla*: Dymock et al. I, 476–479. Compare Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa I, 180–183: *añjarūta*, *Astragalus sarcocolla* Dymock.

⁷⁵³ *sufedī* also means whiteness in Persian.

⁷⁵⁴ The meaning of *māyala* remains unclear.

⁷⁵⁵ It is not clear to which substance this refers. My translation is tentative.

2.2.792–793:

*mātrā dirama 1 darpaghnī mabīj yā ruvvasūma ca /
badal fūtanaj gaṇḍūṣavidhau khyāto manīṣibhiḥ //
vahnī rāsana krṣṇau ca kvacin madhusamīhitam //*

The dose is one *dirham*.

The two correctives are raisins (*mabīj*)⁷⁵⁶ or a garlic extract.

Its substitute is said to be *fūtanaj*⁷⁵⁷ by intelligent (physicians) when used as a mouthwash.

Sometimes *vahni*,⁷⁵⁸ *rāsana*⁷⁵⁹ and the two plants called *krṣṇa* and *krṣṇā*⁷⁶⁰

⁷⁵⁶ Daljīt Simḥa 2: *mabīz*, raisins. Schlimmer 544: *mavīz*, raisins. Schmucker: absent. Compare Achundow 232–233 (392): ‘inab.

⁷⁵⁷ Achundow 238–239: *fūtanadsch*, *Mentha*. Al-Kindi 312–313: *fawdanaj* or *fautanaj*, aquatic mint, *Mentha aquatica* L. [this is a valid name], *Mentha pulegium* L. [this is a valid name], and other species. Daljīt Simḥa 452–453: *fūtanaj*, the Arabic name of *Mentha sativa* Linn. [valid name: hybrid of *Mentha arvensis* and *Mentha aquatica* Harley et Brighton]. Schmucker 329–331 (553): *fūdhunaj*, *fawdhanaj* and related forms: *Mentha pulegium* L., also *Mentha piperita* L. [this is a valid name]. Ainslie (I, 241) gives *pūdīnā* as the Persian name of *Mentha sativa* and *na'na'* as its Arabic name. Al-Biruni records *na'na'*, called *pūdīnā* in Persian, identified as *Mentha sativa* L. or *Mentha viridis* L. [valid name: *Mentha spicata* Linn. = *Mentha viridis* (Linn.) Linn.] (327–328, n.53 and 54). Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 456: *na'na'*, *Mentha piperita* and *fūtanaj*, *Mentha pulegium*. Schlimmer has *pūdīnā* as the Persian name of *Mentha pulegium* and *na'na'* as that of *Mentha sativa*. E. Wiedemann II, 292–293. Compare on *Mentha piperita*: Dymock et al. III, 104–108; Flückiger and Hanbury 432–436. Compare on *Mentha pulegium*: Flückiger and Hanbury 436–437.

⁷⁵⁸ *vahni* and all other words for fire denote the plant commonly known as *citraka*, *Plumbago zeylanica* Linn. See *Bhāvaprakāśanighaṇṭu*, *harītakyādivarga* 70: *citrako* ‘nalanāmā ca.

⁷⁵⁹ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.212: *rāsan*, Persian name *jañjabīlśāmī*, Sanskrit name *rāsnā*. Achundow 209 (275) and 373 (222): *rāsan*, *Inula Helenium* [valid name: *Inula helenium* Linn.]. Ainslie I, 119–120: Arabic name *uṣulrāsan*, *Inula Helenium* (Lin.). Al-Kindi 270 (108): *rāsin* is the Persian name of *Inula helenium* L. Daljīt Simḥa 605–606: *al-rāsan* is the Arabic name of *Inula helenium* Linn. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 370–371: *rāsan*, *Inula helenium*. Compare Schlimmer 330: *zanjabīl thāmī*, *Inula helenium*. Schmucker 204–205 (319): *rāsan*, the Arabic name of *Inula helenium* L., called *zanjabīl-i-shāmī* in Persian. Compare on *Inula helenium*: Dymock et al. II, 259–262; Flückiger and Hanbury 340–342.

⁷⁶⁰ I.e., black and long pepper, *Piper nigrum* Linn. and *Piper longum* Linn.

are desired, with honey.

commentary:

kṛṣṇāv ity atraikeśeṣah.

kṛṣṇau is (a case of) *ekaśeṣa* here.

*kanava*⁷⁶¹ – *jujbaājam*.⁷⁶² *vijayā*⁷⁶³

2.2.911-912:

uṣṇā dvidhā tridhā rūkṣā mubahī ca munavvima /
mumsik muskir mufarrah ca munkabij śaktayas tu ṣaṭ //
darpaghnam śīśirāṇ nīram tathā syād ṫuṣṇāṇ punāḥ /
mātrā bhaved yathāsātmyām dīpano madhuro rasah //

It is hot to the second degree⁷⁶⁴ and dry to the third degree.⁷⁶⁵

⁷⁶¹ Achundow 365 (119): *habb ul-samnat*, *Cannabis sativa* [valid name: *Cannabis sativa* Linn.], and 380 (266): *schāhdānadsch*, *Cannabis sativa*. Ainslie II, 108–111: Arabic name *qanub*, *Cannabis Sativa* (Willd.). Al-Biruni II, 59: *shāhdhānaj*, *bizr al-qunnab*, *Cannabis sativa* L. Daljīt Siṁha 548: Persian name *kanaba hindī*. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 115: *qinnab hindī*, *Cannabis indica* [*Cannabis indica* Linn. is a synonym of *Cannabis sativa* Linn.]. Hamdard 368–369: Arabic name *khinnab*. Unani Pharmacopoeia (I, I, 72): *qinnab*, the Arabic name, and *warq-ul-khiyal*, the Persian name of *Cannabis sativa*. E. Wiedemann II, 388. Compare on *Cannabis sativa*: Dymock et al. III, 318–337; Flückiger and Hanbury 491–495.

⁷⁶²This term is not clear.

⁷⁶³*vijayā* is a Sanskrit name of *Cannabis sativa* Linn. See on Cannabis: Al-Kindi 246 (45). Schlimmer 103–107.

⁷⁶⁴*Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.186: hot and dry to the second degree. Daljīt Siṁha 550: *bhāṅg* is cold to the third degree, *carasa* to the fourth degree. Yādavaśarman (340): cold and dry to the third degree according to Yānāṇī. Āyurvedic texts regard *vijayā* as hot: *Kaiyadevanighaṇṭu*, *oṣadhibhāṣa* 1637 and *Dhanvantariyanighaṇṭu* 1.131.

⁷⁶⁵Daljīt Siṁha (550): *bhāṅg* is dry to the third degree, *carasa* to the fourth degree. See on *carasa*: Daljīt Siṁha 549.

It has six actions: aphrodisiac (*mubahī*),⁷⁶⁶ sedative/soporific (*munawwī*), retentive (*mumsik*), intoxicating (*muskir*),⁷⁶⁷ *mufarrah* (exhilarating),⁷⁶⁸ and contracting (*munkabij*).⁷⁶⁹

Its corrective is cool water and also black pepper (*ūṣāṇa*).⁷⁷⁰

Its dose has to correspond to the *sātmya* (of the patient);⁷⁷¹ it stimulates the fire⁷⁷² and is sweet in taste.

commentary:

be badala

It has no substitute.⁷⁷³

⁷⁶⁶The *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.186) records another opinion: *vīryako śoṣāṅkartā*, it dries up semen.

⁷⁶⁷*Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.186: *madakartā*. *Kaiyadevanighaṇṭu*, *oṣadhivarga* 1637: *madakṛt*.

⁷⁶⁸Yādavaśarman (340): *saumanasyajanana* (causing cheerfulnes) according to Yūnānī.

⁷⁶⁹I.e., *munqabid*. *Kaiyadevanighaṇṭu*, *oṣadhivarga* 1637: it is *grāhīn*. Yādavaśarman (340): it is *saṃgrāhīn* (constrictive), *vājīkara* (aphrodisiac), *vedanāsthāpana* (analgesic), *svāpajanana* (soporific), *ākṣepahara* (anticonvulsive) according to Yānānī. The Unani Pharmacopoeia (I, I, 72–73) lists the following actions: *qabiz* (i.e., *qābid*, constipating), *muqawwī-e-medā* (*muqawwī-e-mi'da*, stomachic), *mushahhi* (*muṣāḥḥīḥ*, corrective, may be meant), *mufarrih* (exhilarating), *muqawwī-e-bah* (aphrodisiac), *mumsik* (retentive), *mujaffif* (desiccative), *musakkīn-e-alam* (relieving pain), *munawwī* (soporific), *daf-e-tashannūj* (removing convulsions). *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.186: it is *mūtrala* (diuretic), *stambhanakartā* (immobilizing/retentive), *śothako layakārak* (reducing swellings), *udarmem viṣṭhambatāprada* (constipating), *drṣṭiko manda karnevālā* (reducing eyesight), *ojkhaṇḍankartā* (destroying *ojas*).

⁷⁷⁰Daljīt Simḥa (550): ghee and giving (the patient) to drink (*pilānā*).

⁷⁷¹See on *sātmya*: *Carakasaṃhitā*, *Vimānasthāna* 8.118. Daljīt Simḥa 50: one *māśā*.

⁷⁷²Daljīt Simḥa (550) agrees.

⁷⁷³The *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.186) does not give correctives or substitutes,

*kaśīsa*⁷⁷⁴ – *katīrā*⁷⁷⁵

2.2.931–932:

*samaś caturdhā kṣavathum virekaṁ svarasya bhedam davathum vamīm ca /
pluṣṭam ca doṣapracayam śarīrān nirasyati svargadhunīva pāpam //
adhahkāyāhito atyantaṁ anesūm̄ darpakarṣiṇī /
mātrā dvi 3 tri 3 dirammānauṣadhi dāhavighātakṛt*

No commentary.

It is neutral with regard to the four qualities.⁷⁷⁶

⁷⁷⁴This word poses a problem. Persian *kasīs* is sulphate of iron. Sanskrit *kāśīsa* has the same meaning.

⁷⁷⁵Achundow 251 (482): *kathīrā*, *Astragalus*, Tragakanth und andere Pflanzen, and 396 (482): *kathīrā* (with discussion of the plant sources). Ainslie I, 162–163: *katīrā*, gum tragacanth from *Astragalus Verus* (Olivier). Al-Biruni: absent. Al-Kindi 323 (254): *kathīrā'*, gum tragacanth, *Astragalus gummifer* Lab. [this is a valid name] in Syria, *Astragalus kurdicus* Boiss. [this is a valid name] in Mesopotamia, and *Astragalus heraticus* Bunge [this is not a valid name] in Persia. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa III, 1990–1993: *katīrā*, the gum of *Sterculia urens* Roxb. [this is a valid name]; other sources mentioned: *Cochlospermum Gossypium* D.C. and *Astragalus gummifer*. Daljīt Simha 112–114: *katīrā*, tragacanth from *Astragalus heratensis* Bunge [this is a valid name] and *Astragalus strobilifera* Royle [correct name: *Astragalus strobiliferus* Royle]. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine: *kathīrā'*, *Astragalus gummifera*. Hamdard 375: Arabic *kathira* and Persian *kaira-i-hindi* denote the gum of *Cochlospermum gossypium* DC. [valid name: *Cochlospermum religiosum* (Linn.) Alston = *Cochlospermum gossypium* (Linn.) DC.]. Hand Book: absent. C.D. Maclean (1982), 406–407 (s.v. *kateerah*). Schlimmer 203: *katīrā*, tragacanth, and 65–66: astragale. Schmucker 384 (621): *katīrā*, Traganthgummi. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, VI, 38 and III, 235: *kateera* is the dried gum obtained from *Cochlospermum religiosum* (Linn.) Alston. Wiedemann II, 233 (8): *Al Katīrā'* ist das Harz des Tragakanth. Compare on tragacanth: Dymock et al. I, 479–482; Flückiger and Hanbury 151–156; WIRM I, 160, II, 261, X, 45, WIRM I, rev.ed., 476–477. The author of the *Siddhabheṣajamanīmālā* is acquainted with *katīragundraka* (4.779) and *kaṭīragundra* (2.134). The *Siddhaprayogalatikā* (33.32) also employs *katīragundra*. The author of the *Siddhabhaiṣajyamañjūṣā* prescribes *kattīrā* and the author of the *Viśikhānupraveśavijñāna* (251) *katīrāgundra*.

⁷⁷⁶Abhinavanighaṇṭu, p.30: *mātadil*. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa III, 1991: cold and dry to the first degree; according to others it is neutral (*mātadil*) with respect to hotness and coldness, and moist to the first degree; some are of the opinion that it is hot and moist to the

It removes from the body sneezing, evacuation, hoarseness,⁷⁷⁷ a burning sensation, vomiting, burns, and an accumulation of *doṣas*,⁷⁷⁸ as the Ganges removes evil.⁷⁷⁹

It is extremely hurtful to the lower part of the body.⁷⁸⁰ *anesūṁ*⁷⁸¹ is its corrective.⁷⁸²

The dose is two or three *dirham*. It brings about the removal of a burning sensation caused by herbs.⁷⁸³

first degree; there are also those who regard it as cold to the second degree. Daljīt Simha 113: it is neither hot nor cold (*anuṣṇaśīta*). Unani Pharmacopoeia I, VI, 39: moderate and moist.

⁷⁷⁷ Daljīt Simha (114) agrees. Compare *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.30: *vakṣasthalkī khara-kharāḥat gunkartā hai*. Compare Āyurvedīyaśvakoṣa III, 1991–1992.

⁷⁷⁸ Compare *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.30: *doṣomkī lekhanatā aur tīkṣṇatāko śāntiprada*.

⁷⁷⁹ Unani Pharmacopoeia I, VI, 39: used against cough. Confirmed by the *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.30: *kās gunkartā hai*.

⁷⁸⁰ Achundow 251: schädelt der Blase, welcher Schaden durch *Pistacia Lentiscus* [valid name: *Pistacia lentiscus* Linn.] corrigirt wird.

⁷⁸¹ Ainslie I, 17–18: *anīsūn*, *Pimpinella anisum* (Lin.). Al Biruni II, 76: *anīsūn*, *Pimpinella anisum* Linn. [this is a valid name]; I, 44 (98): *anīsūn* and 65, n. 281: aniseed, *Foeniculum vulgare* Mill. [this is a valid name]. Al-Kindi 237 (anīsūn): *Pimpinella anisum* L. Daljīt Simha 29–30: Arabic name *anīsūn*, *Pimpinella anisum* Linn. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 59: *anīsūn*, *Pimpinella anisum*. Hamard 410: *anisun* is the Arabic name of *Pimpinella anisum* Linn. Hand Book: absent. Compare Āyurvedīyaśvakoṣa I, 300–305: *anīsūn*, *Pimpinella anisum* Linn. Compare on this plant: Dymock et al. II, 131–132; Flückiger and Hanbury 276–278.

⁷⁸² Daljīt Simha (114) agrees. *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.30: *īsabgol* and *anīsūn* are the correctives. The Āyurvedīyaśvakoṣa (III, 1992) mentions as correctives: *anīsūṁ*, *kaddū* seeds, and *karafs*. *kaddū* is the Hindī name for Sanskrit *alābu*, *Lagenaria siceraria* (Molina) Standley [this is a valid name]. The *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.30) mentions the gum of *babūla* and sweet *kaddū* seeds as substitutes. See on the gum-resin of the *babūla* tree: *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.171.

⁷⁸³ Compare *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.30: it destroys the poisonous substances of herbs.

*kamūna*⁷⁸⁴ – *jīrakam*⁷⁸⁵ / *jīrā*⁷⁸⁶

2.2.947–952:

*rūkṣoṣṇam triguṇam śastam kirmānī vātakarṣaṇam /
samgrāhi pācanam rucyam pakvāśayabalāvaham //
sirkā ‘nupītah kṣodo ‘sya hanti mr̄tsnā ‘śavāsanām /
paṭunā carvitam lālāsrāvam samśoṣayaty api //
niṣpīḍya radanaiḥ samyag vāsasāto rasojanāt /
nākhūnā nāmakam netrāmayam hanyād asaṁśayam //
śūlājīrṇasya vidveṣi katīrā vikṛter ariḥ /
muḥallila muḡaś्ति ca muṭattiha mulattifa //
hāvis mudammila khyāto śaktih ṣodhā 6 vicakṣaṇaiḥ //
yavānī badala khyātā tukhmakarnava vā punaḥ /
kirmānī fārasī śamī vintī 4 jātyā caturvidhā //*

It is dry and hot to the third degree.⁷⁸⁷

The *kirmānī* (kind) is the recommended one.⁷⁸⁸

⁷⁸⁴ Achundow 248 (473): *kamūna*, Cuminum Cyminum. [valid name: *Cuminum cyminum* Linn.]. Ainslie I, !00–101: *kamūna*, *Cuminum Cyminum* (Lin.). Al-Biruni 282–283 (35): *kammūn*, and 289 (88): seeds of cumin, *Cuminum cyminum* L. Al-Kindi 327–328 (266): Arabic name *kammūn*, *Cuminum cyminum* L. Daljīt Siṁha 341–342: Arabic name *kammūn*, Persian name *zīr*, *Cuminum cyminum* Linn. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 204: *kammūn*, *Cuminum cyminum*. Hamdard 379: *zira* is the Persian, *kamun* the Arabic name of *Cuminum cyminum* Linn. Hand Book: absent. Schlimmer: *zirah safaid*, *Cuminum cyminum*. Schmucker 406–410 (649): *kammūn*, *Cuminum cyminum* L. E. Wiemann II, 389: *kammūn*, Kümmel. Compare on cumin: Dymock et al. II, 113–116; Flückiger and Hanbury 295–297.

⁷⁸⁵ *jīraka* is the Sanskrit name of *Cuminum cyminum*.

⁷⁸⁶ This is the Hindī name of *jīraka*.

⁷⁸⁷ Achundow 248 (473): hot and dry to the second degree. Daljīt Siṁha 342: hot and dry to the second degree. *Dhanvantariyanighaṇṭu* 2.67: *jīraka* is dry (*rūkṣa*). *Suśutasamhitā*, *Sūtrasthāna* 46.221–222 and *Rājanighaṇṭu* 6.101: it is hot (*uṣṇa*). *Kaiyadevanighaṇṭu*, *oṣadhivarga* 1187: hot and dry.

⁷⁸⁸ Achundow 248 (473): der beste (Kümmel) ist der kirmanische. Al-Biruni 282: the variety from Kirmān is wild, and tightens the abdomen, whereas the Nabatean does not; the Kirmānī variety is black. Schmucker 407: die kirmānī-Sorte ist von schwarzer Farbe; sie ist stärker als die fārisī-Sorte. Kirmān is a part of southeastern Iran.

It drags away *vāta*,⁷⁸⁹ is astringent (*samgrāhin*),⁷⁹⁰ promotes digestion,⁷⁹¹ stimulates the appetite,⁷⁹² and strengthens the receptacle of digested food.⁷⁹³ Its powder, when *sirkā* is used as an *anupāna*, annihilates the longing for clay as food.

Chewed with something pungent (*patū*), it purifies salivation.

Squeezed out with one's teeth, (it annihilates) as an effect of the juice the delight in perfumes.

It surely destroys the eye disease called *nākhūna*.⁷⁹⁴

It counteracts piercing pain and *ajīrṇa*.⁷⁹⁵

kaṭīrā is the corrective.⁷⁹⁶

Resolvent (*muhallil*), nutrient (*mugaśī*), deobstruent (*mufattih*), attenuant (*mulaṭṭif*), styptic (*havis*), and cicatrizant (*mudammil*) is the sixfold action mentioned by wise (physicians).

As a substitute one mentions *yavānī*⁷⁹⁷ or also the seeds of *karnab*.⁷⁹⁸

It is fourfold as to its kinds: *kirmānī*, *fārasī*, *śamī*, and *vintī*.⁷⁹⁹

⁷⁸⁹ Daljīt Simḥa 342: *vāyukā utsarg kartā hai*, it drives out wind. *Suśrutasamhitā*, *Sūtrasthāna* 46.221–222: *vātahara*. *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* 2.67: idem (*vātahṛt*). *Rājanighaṇṭu* 6.101: idem.

⁷⁹⁰ Daljīt Simḥa (342) agrees. It is pungent (*katū*) in taste in āyurveda: *Suśrutasamhitā*, *Sūtrasthāna* 46.221–222, *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* 2.67, *Rājanighaṇṭu* 6.101.

⁷⁹¹ Daljīt Simḥa (342) expresses the same view. It also promotes digestion in āyurveda: it is *dīpana*, inflaming the digestive fire: *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* 2.67, *Rājanighaṇṭu* 6.101.

⁷⁹² The same in āyurveda: it is *rucya*: *Suśrutasamhitā*, *Sūtrasthāna* 46.221–222; *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* 2.66.

⁷⁹³ Al-Kindī 328: cumin seed is in general use as a stomachic in cases of dyspepsia.

⁷⁹⁴ Daljīt Simḥa (342) is of the same opinion. Both the light (*śukla*) and dark (*kṛṣṇa*) types of seed are beneficial to the eyes in the *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* (2.69 and 71) and *Rājanighaṇṭu* (6.103 and 106).

⁷⁹⁵ Daljīt Simḥa is of the same opinion.

⁷⁹⁶ Daljīt Simḥa (342) also mentions *katīrā*.

⁷⁹⁷ *Trachyspermum ammi* Linn. Sprague. See on this plant: Dymock et al. II, 116–119 (s.v. *Carum copticum*); Flückiger and Hanbury 269–271. *yavānī* is described at 2.2.1083–1085.

⁷⁹⁸ Achundow 246–247 (470): *karnab*, *Brassica oleracea* [valid name: *Brassica oleracea* Linn.]

⁷⁹⁹ The *Suśrutasamhitā* (*Sūtrasthāna* 46.230ab) and Ḏalhaṇa's commentary) distinguish two kinds of *jīraka*: *śuklajīraka* and *pītajīraka*, as well as three similar kinds of seeds: *kāravī*, *karavī*, and *upakuñcikā*; *karavī* is the same as *yavānī*; *upakuñcikā* is *Nigella sativa* Linn. The *Kaiyadevanighaṇṭu*, *oṣadhibhāṣa* 1184–1188, distinguishes three kinds

kaharuvā⁸⁰⁰ – niryāsaviśeṣaḥ⁸⁰¹

2.2.959–961:

rūmī praśasto ‘ruṇapītavarṇah śītaś ca rūkṣo dviguṇam mukavvī / hṛdrogahṛdvāntyāsṛjātisāram uraḥkṣatam tatkṣanam eva hanyāt // mujaffifa mufarrah dil kābij tisra 3 ś ca śaktayah / ābīrasaḥ syād darpaghno badala pratipāditah // sindarūsa tavāśīra tīnarūmī yathāpadam //

The *rūmī* type is the recommended one, of a ruddy and yellow colour.⁸⁰² It is cold and dry to the second degree⁸⁰³ and has a tonic action.

It annihilates immediately cardiac disorders,⁸⁰⁴ *hṛdvānti*,⁸⁰⁵ bloody diarrhoea,⁸⁰⁶ and lesions within the chest.

It has three actions: desiccative (*mujaffif*), exhilarating the heart (*mufarrah*

of *jīraka*: *suklajīraka*, *Cuminum cyminum* Linn., *kṛṣṇajīraka*, *Carum carvi* Linn., and *kāravī*, *Nigella sativa* Linn.

⁸⁰⁰ Achundow 322–323 (59): *kahrubā*, *Succinum*, Bernstein. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa III, 2399–2403: *kaharuvā*, *succinum*, *amber*. Schmucker 414–416 (657).

⁸⁰¹ Known as *kaharavā* to the author of the *Siddhabheṣajamaṇimālā* (4.782) and explained as a kind of resin in the commentary. Also found in the *Siddhabhaiṣajyamañjūṣā* (*arśas* 39) and the *Siddhaprayogalatikā* (3.27) under the same name. A Sanskrit name of amber is *trṇakānta*, occurring in some late āyurvedic texts: Govindadāsa's *Bhaiṣajyaratnāvalī* (40), the *Siddhaprayogalatikā* (several times), the *Viśikhānupravasavijñāna* (268, 269), and some *rasaśāstra* texts: the *Rasamitra* and the *Rasendrasambhava*. See on *trṇakānta*: J. André and J. Filliozat, 369–370 and D. Joshi, 223–224.

⁸⁰² Achundow does not mention types and is silent about colours.

⁸⁰³ Achundow gives no particulars. *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.52): neutral, or, according to some, cold and dry. The Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (III, 2401) regards it as cold and dry; it lists a series of other opinions.

⁸⁰⁴ *Abhinavanighantu*, p.52: *hrdayako balavān kartā*, it strengthens the heart. The Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (III, 2401) describes it as a cardiac tonic: *hrdaya ko śakti pradān kartā hai*, it gives power to the heart. See on heart diseases and their treatment: Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 326–327. Compare *Mādhavanidāna* 29.

⁸⁰⁵ This term is not known to me from āyurvedic treatises. It may designate the watery discharge flowing into the oral cavity as a prodrome of vomiting, called *hṛllāsa* in Sanskrit.

⁸⁰⁶ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.52: *rudhir aur raktātīsār kā ruddhak hai*. The Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (III, 2401) expresses the same opinion: *raktātīsār kā nivāraṇ kā ismēm viśes prabhāv hai*, a specific action of this (substance) is the suppression of bloody diarrhoea.

dil), and constipating (*kabij*).⁸⁰⁷

Its corrective is *āvīrasa*.⁸⁰⁸ Substitutes are *sindarūsa*,⁸⁰⁹ *tavāśīra*, and *tīnarūmi*⁸¹⁰

*lādāna*⁸¹¹ – *ambarabhedāḥ*⁸¹²

2.2.962–965:

rūkṣoṣṇam ekagunītam jarāyūṇāṁ vikarṣanām /
dhūpena sūtikātaṅkam hanti vātagadān api //

⁸⁰⁷ The Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (III, 2401) calls it astringent (*samgrahan*).

⁸⁰⁸ The juice of *āvī*, a synonym of *safarjal*. See on *safarjal*: 2.2.619–621: *safarjal* – *āvī* – *bihī* / *madhukam*; this series of names poses a problem: the first three names designate the quince, whereas *madhuka* is a name of liquorice. *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.52: *vanapsā* is the corrective.

⁸⁰⁹ Achundow 379 (259): *sandarūs*, Resina Juniperi, Wachholderharz. Ainslie I, 379–380: *sandarūs*, sandarach, a resinous substance obtained from *Juniperus Communis* (Lin.) (see footnote on identification as a product from a *Thuja*). Al-Biruni 194 (56): *sandarūs*, called *rāl* in Hindī, i.e., the resin of *Vateria indica* Linn. [this is a valid name], and 202 (128). Al-Kindi 287 (156): *sandarūs*, resin of *Thuya orientalis* [valid name *Thuja orientalis* Linn.] or *T. articulata* [valid name *Tetraclinis auriculata* (Vahl) Mast.]. Simḥa 648–649: *sandarūs*, Damar resin, the resin of *Vateria indica* Linn. Schlimmer 499: *sandarūs*, sandarach, Wachholderharz. Schmucker 250–251: *sandarūs*, the resin of a *Juniperus* according to early authors, but nowadays identified as the resin of *Callitris quadrivalvis* Vent. [valid name: *Tetraclinis auriculata* (Vahl) Mast. = *Callitris quadrivalvis* Vent.]. E. Wiedemann II, 377 and 393: *sandarūs*. *sindarūsa* is described at 2.2.678–679: *sindarūsa samagge'sta – mānadaṇi kaharuvā – niryāsavišeṣāḥ*. Compare *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.107: *candarūs*.

⁸¹⁰ This ‘Roman clay’ is not described in the section devoted to kinds of clay (*ṭīn*). *Abjhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.52: substitutes are *vāñśalocana* and *siṁharūs*.

⁸¹¹ Achundow 283 (577): *lāden*, Harz von *Cistus Creticus*; 409 (430): *lādan*, *lādān*, das Harz verschiedener Species von *Cistus*; jetzt kommen für die Gewinnung in Betracht *Cistus creticus* L. [this is a valid name], *Cistus cyprinus* [this is not a valid name] und *Cistus ladaniferus* L. [valid name: *Cistus ladanifer* L.]. Ainslie I, 187–188: labdanum, *lādan*, *Cistus creticus* (Lin.). Al-Biruni: absent. Al-Kindi 329 (270): *lādhan*, resin of *Cistus creticus* L., *Cistus ladaniferus* L., and others. Daljīt Simḥa: absent. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 156: *lādan*, *Cistus ladaniferus*. Schlimmer 338: labdanum, ladanum, *lādan*. Schmucker 424 (665). E. Wiedemann II, 14, 238–239 (5).

⁸¹² I.e., a variety of *ambara*. Āyurvedic texts do not mention *lādana*.

*mardanād aṅgajām pīḍām hanti sampad yathā ‘padam //
sandal gulāba darpaghnau badal māṁsi samīritā //
nīma miskālamānenā mātrā vaidyaiḥ prakīrtitā /
surabhi praśastāṁ kāmadīpanam //*

It is dry and hot to the first degree.⁸¹³ It drives out a (retained) placenta. It annihilates puerperal diseases in a fumigation and also *vāta* diseases. It removes pains in the limbs when used for rubbing (the body with it), in the same way as wealth removes distress by poverty. Sandal and rose-water are correctives and *māṁsi*⁸¹⁴ is mentioned as a substitute. Physicians proclaim that the dose is half a *miskāl*. The fragrant kind is the recommended one and stimulates the libido.

lojahulba,⁸¹⁵ bādāmaśīrīm⁸¹⁶

2.2.999–1001:

*samaś caturdhāśītaś ca kiṇcid jīvoṣmavardhanah /
paushtiko br̥mhaṇo vr̥syah kāsāsraṣṭhīvanam jayet //
uṣṇavātāṁ vibandham ca śukrārṇavasudhākarah /
mātrā yathābalam pūrnā puṣpacāpeṣudīpanah //*

⁸¹³ Achundow 283 (577): hot to the third degree, moist to the first degree.

⁸¹⁴ Described at 2.2.675–677: *sumbalaättīva – jaṭāmāṁsi – bālchara*. Compare Ainslie II, 367–368: *sumbal al-ṭaib, jaṭāmāṁsi, Valeriana Jatamansi* (Sir W. Jones); this identification is problematic; *Valeriana jatamansi* is usually regarded as *tagara*, whereas *Nardostachys grandiflora* DC. is generally regarded as *jaṭāmāṁsi*.

⁸¹⁵ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.174: Persian name *bādāmśīrīm*, Arabic name *lojulhalva*, Sanskrit name *miṣṭavātāda*. Hand Book 36: Unani Tibbi name: *lauz al-hulu*. The Arabic name of the almond is *lawz*. Achundow 264 (505): *lauz, Amygdalus communis*. Ainslie I, 6–8. Schmucker 439 (685): *lawz hullū*.

⁸¹⁶ Daljīt Simḥa 509–510: *Prunus amygdalus* var. *dulcis* [valid name: *Prunus dulcis* (Mill.) D.A.Webb = *Prunus amygdalus* Batsch], *bādām śīrīm*. Hand Book 36: *badam shireen, Prunus amygdalus* Batsch var. *dulcis*, the sweet almond. Schlimmer 36: *amygdalus dulcis, bādām shīrīn*. Unani Pharmacopoeia II, I, 237: *maghz-e-badam*, the seeds of *Prunus amygdalus*, var. *dulcis*. See on sweet and bitter almonds, distinguished only by the taste of the kernel: Ainslie I, 8. Compare on sweet almonds: Flückiger and Hanbury 216–223. See on almonds also: Dymock et al. I, 563–568.

*sūkṣmatvag uttamah śreyān mīnamajjāsitetarah /
darpaghno śarkarā cāsyā cilgojā badala smṛtaḥ //*

It is neutral with regard to the four (main properties) and somewhat hot;⁸¹⁷ it increases the vital heat.

It gives a well-nourished appearance,⁸¹⁸ is roborant,⁸¹⁹ aphrodisiac⁸²⁰ and conquers cough,⁸²¹ haematemesis, *uṣṇavātā* (gonorrhoea),⁸²² and constipation,⁸²³ as the moon, which is an ocean of semen.

The (appropriate) full dose is that in conformity with (the patient's) strength.
It inflames the arrows of the god of love.

The outer thin skin⁸²⁴ is better when it is black like the roe of fish.

Sugar is its corrective⁸²⁵ and *cilgojā* is its substitute.⁸²⁶

⁸¹⁷ *Abhinavanighāṇṭu*, p.174: hot and moist to the first degree; neutral according to others. Achundow 264 (505): hot and moist to the first degree. Daljīt Simḥa: idem. Hand Book 40: hot and moist to the first degree. *Suśrutasamhitā*, *Sūtrasthāna* 46.187–188: hot and moist. *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* 137: hot and moist.

⁸¹⁸ Daljīt Simḥa (511) agrees. *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* 137: when ripe it is *pauṣṭika*.

⁸¹⁹ *Abhinavanighāṇṭu*, p.174: *śarīrko bṛṃhaṇakartā*. *Suśrutasamhitā*, *Sūtrasthāna* 46.187–188: *bṛṃhana*.

⁸²⁰ *Abhinavanighāṇṭu*, p.174: it is *śukrala*. Achundow 264 (505) agrees (vermehrt den Samen). Daljīt Simḥa 511: it is *vājikara*. Confirmed by Hand Book 40. *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* 137: the ripe almond is *vṛṣya* and *śukrala*.

⁸²¹ *Abhinavanighāṇṭu*, p.174: *rūkṣa kāsko lābhaprada*. Achundow 264 (505) is in agreement (die süsse Mandel ist bei dem durch Trockenheit entstandenen Husten von Nutzen; die geröstete süsse Mandel unterdrückt den Husten).

⁸²² Achundow 264 (505) agrees: bei Tripper von Nutzen.

⁸²³ *Abhinavanighāṇṭu* agrees (p.174): *vibandhakā udghāṭak*. Daljīt Simḥa agrees (it is *udaramārdavakara*).

⁸²⁴ *tvac* is a masculine noun in this case and not, as usual, feminine.

⁸²⁵ Confirmed by the *Abhinavanighāṇṭu*, p.174: *khāṇḍa* is the corrective.

⁸²⁶ Confirmed by the *Abhinavanighāṇṭu*, p.174. Ainslie: absent. Achundow: absent. Al-Biruni: absent. Al-Kindi: absent. Daljīt Simḥa 660: *cilgojā*, *Pinus gerardiana* Wall. [valid name: *Pinus gerardiana* Wall. ex D.Don]. Schlimmer: absent. Schmucker: absent. Unani Pharmacopoeia I, VI, 46: *Pinus gerardiana* Wall.; II, I, 237: the kernels of *Pinus gerardiana* Wall. See on *cilgojā*: *Abhinavanighāṇṭu*, p.102. Compare Dymock et al. III, 379, s.v. *Pinus gerardiana* Wall.

commentary:

hāra rataba badarje duyam.

(It is) hot (*hārr*) and moist (*ratb*) to the second degree.⁸²⁷

loja, murra,⁸²⁸ bādāma talakha⁸²⁹ / tiktaḥ⁸³⁰

2.2.1002–1003:

*rūkṣoṣṇas triguṇam lepād vyāṅgasidhma vikhaṇḍanah /
karṇaśūlaharam karṇapūraṇāt rogana smṛtam //
suddekuśā mudirra syān mūtrakṛcchrāśmarīpranut /
antrāhitaś ca darpaghnaḥ śīrīm bādāma kīrtitah //*

It is dry and hot to the third degree⁸³¹ and annihilates brown spots on the face (*vyāṅga*)⁸³² and (the skin disease called) *sidhma*⁸³³ when used in an ointment.

The oil is said to remove piercing pain in the ears when poured into the auditory duct.

It removes obstructions of the vessels and drives away dysuria and bladder stones.⁸³⁴

It is harmful to the bowels.⁸³⁵ Its corrective is said to be the sweet almond.⁸³⁶

⁸²⁷ *Abhinavanighantu*, p.174: hot and moist to the first degree.

⁸²⁸ *Abhinavanighantu*, p.174: Persian name *bādāmtalkh*, Arabic name *lojelmurr*, Sanskrit name *tiktavātāda*. Schmucker: *lawz murra*.

⁸²⁹ Daljit Simha 508–509: *Prunus amygdalus var. amara, bādām talakh*. Schlimmer 36: *amygdalus amara, bādām talakh*. Compare on bitter almonds: Flückiger and Hanbury 219–223.

⁸³⁰ Ayurvedic treatises do not distinguish between sweet and bitter almonds.

⁸³¹ *Abhinavanighantu*, p.174: hot to the third, dry to the second degree.

⁸³² Achundow 264 (505) agrees (die bittere Mandel enfernt Hautflecken).

⁸³³ This disease is often identified as pityriasis versicolor.

⁸³⁴ *Abhinavanighantu*, p.174: *patharīko khaṇḍankartā*, it crushes bladder stones. Achundow 264 (505) is in agreement (die bittere Mandel löst Blasensteinen), as well as Ainslie I, 7: the bitter sort the Arabians and Persians consider as lithontryptic.

⁸³⁵ Confirmed by the *Abhinavanighantu*, p.174: *hānikartā antriyoṇko*.

⁸³⁶ *Abhinavanighantu*, p.174: correctives are *khāṇḍa*, sugar, and the oil from the sweet almond.

*māyulvarda*⁸³⁷ / *gulāba*⁸³⁸

2.2.1026–1028:

*dviguṇam snigdhaśītaḥ syād dāham mūrchām tṛṣam klamam /
mudir mulayyapana syātām śaktī 2 mūtrarujam jayet //
mukavvī dil damāga syān netraś cāñjanasekataḥ /
lepād āghrāṇataḥ pānāc śīrṣaśūlaniṣūdanah //
prasvedah śatapuṣpāyā gulāba-samamānayuk /
koṣṇo nipītaḥ śūlaghno haijā-doṣavikarṣaṇah //*

commentary:

haijā – viṣūcikā.

⁸³⁷Rose water. *ward* is the term for flower in general in Arabic, but often used specifically for a rose. Achundow 280–281 (563): *ward*, Rose; 407 (422). Al-Biruni 336: *ward* and 338 (14): *Rosa gallica* Mill. [valid name: *Rosa gallica* Linn.]. Al-Kindi 344–345 (318): *ward*, *Rosa gallica* L. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 566: *ward*, *Rosa gallica*. E. Wiedemann II, 299, 382.

⁸³⁸Rose water. *gul* is the name for flower in general in Persian, but often used specifically for a rose. Ainslie I, 345–348: *Rosa centifolia* (Lin.). Daljīt Simḥa 263–264: *gul safed*, *Rosa moschata* Mill. [valid name: *Rosa moschata* Herrm.], 264–268: *gul-e-surkh*, *Rosa damascena* Mill. [this is a valid name]. Schlimmer 491: *gul surkh*, *Rosa centifolia* [valid name: *Rosa centifolia* Linn.]. Rose water, in India known as *attar*, is prescribed in a nineteenth-century āyurvedic text, Kṛṣṇārāma's *Siddhabheṣajamāṇīlā* (2.149) as *attara* (see G. Jan Meulenbeld IIA, 271). It is mentioned as *taruṇyarka* in the twentieth-century *Siddhaprayogalatikā* and *Viśikhānupraveśavijñāna* (see G. Jan Meulenbeld IIA, 406 and 411). Rose water is also known as *gulābapāka* to *pākaśāstra* texts like the *Pākārṇava* and *Pākāvalī* (see G. Jan Meulenbeld IIA, 418 and 419). See on rose water: E. Balfour III; R.N. Chopra (1958), 626–627; P.K. Gode (1945b; 1946h; 1948); Hobson-Jobson (otto); C.D. Maclean; Polier; E. Wiedemann I, 724–730; WIRM IX, 75–77. Compare on *petala rosae gallicae*, *petala rosae centifoliae*, *oleum rosae*: Flückiger and Hanbury 230–238. See on *Rosa damascena*, rose water, etc.: Dymock et al. I, 574–578.

It is moist and cold to the second degree. It overcomes a burning sensation,⁸³⁹ fainting, thirst, lassitude, and pain associated with urination.⁸⁴⁰

Its two actions are making to flow (*mudirra*) and laxative (*mulayyan*).⁸⁴¹

It is a cardiac and brain tonic.⁸⁴² (It is beneficial to) the eyes in a collyrium or eyewash;⁸⁴³ in an ointment, when smelling it, or in a potion, it annihilates piercing pain in the head. When an equal quantity of the *prasveda*⁸⁴⁴ of *śatapuṣpā*⁸⁴⁵ is added to the rose water, and taken as a tepid drink, it drives out the disorder (called) *haijā*.⁸⁴⁶

commentary:

haijā is *viṣūcikā*.⁸⁴⁷

⁸³⁹ Compare *Abhinavanighantu*, p.69: *garmī kī vyākulatāko guṇkartā*.

⁸⁴⁰ I assume that all the nouns are dependent on *jayet*. The construction of the verse is clumsy. *mūtraruj* will be the same as *mūtrakṛcchra*.

⁸⁴¹ Compare *Abhinavanighantu*, p.69: it is *recaka*.

⁸⁴² The *Abhinavanighantu* (p.69) agrees: *mastiṣka aur hr̥daya balaprada*. Achundow 281: die Rose unterdrückt die Hitze des Gehirns.

⁸⁴³ Compare Al-Kindi 344. See *Abhinavanighantu* (p.69): *ismem surmāko pīskar añjan lagāve to netrake dāhako guṇkartā hai*.

⁸⁴⁴ This term is not known from āyurvedic texts. The context suggests that a decoction is intended.

⁸⁴⁵ See 2.2.528–530; and 2.2.711–713: *śipta – pītprasūnā śatapuṣpā / sowā*. This plant is generally identified as *Anethum graveolens* Linn., dill.

⁸⁴⁶ Correctives and substitutes are not mentioned. The *Abhinavanighantu* (p.69) records that sugar is the corrective and *arka* of *śatapuṣpā* the substitute.

⁸⁴⁷ See on this disease: *Mādhavanidāna* 6.16–18.

māmīrāna⁸⁴⁸

2.2.1038–1039:

*rūkṣoṣno dviguṇam śvaitiyacakṣuhpuṣpāndhyadoṣahṛt /
jaṭākaṣāyāḥ sapadi kāmalāṁ hanti vegataḥ //
mujallī ca mukavvī ca śaktī uddāmavikrame /
darpaghñah syāt tavākṣīra mātrā nīmadirammitā*

It is dry and hot to the second degree.⁸⁴⁹

⁸⁴⁸ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.193: the Persian name is *mamīrāñcīnī*. Achundow 274–275 (534); 404 (408): *Chelidonium majus* L. [this is a valid name]. Compare Achundow 235 (405): ‘urūq-i sufr, radix flava, *Chelidonium*. Ainslie: absent. Al-Biruni: 300 (5) and 313 (11): *māmīrān* is the name of the *Coptis teeta* Wall. [this is a valid name] rhizome in the bazaars of the subcontinent, but here celandine, swallow wort, *Chelidonium majus* L. is meant. Al-Kindi 332–333 (280): *māmīrān*, *Chelidonium majus* L. Daljīt Simha 565–566: *māmīrān*, the Arabic name of *Coptis teeta* Wall.; another plant, sold as *māmīrān*, is *Thalictrum foliolosum* DC. [this is a valid name] (see on this plant: Dymock et al. I, 33–35; Yādavaśarman 67–68). Flückiger and Hanbury 3–5: *mamiran*, *Coptis teeta* Wallich. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 135: *māmīrān*, *Chelidonium majus*. Hamdard 376: *mamiran*, Urdu name of *Coptis teeta* Wall. Schlimmer 127: *māmīrān*, *Chelidonium majus*. Dymock I, 31–33: *māmīrān*, *Coptis teeta* Wall. Schmucker 454–455 (696): *māmīrān*, the root of *Chelidonium majus* L. or *Coptis teeta* Wall. Yādavaśarman 66–67: *Coptis teeta*, Sanskrit name *pītamūlā*, Hindī name *mamīrā*. The author of the *Siddhabheṣajamāṇimālā* is acquainted with *mamīra* (2.66). Compare on *Coptis teeta*: Dymock et al. I, 31–33; Flückiger and Hanbury 3–5; WIRM I, 322. See also on *mamira*: Hobson-Jobson 548–549.

⁸⁴⁹ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.193: hot and dry to the second degree. Achundow 274: idem. Daljīt Simha: dry and hot to the third degree.

It removes whiteness of the eyes,⁸⁵⁰ *puspa*⁸⁵¹ and blindness. A decoction from its roots immediately annihilates jaundice forcefully.⁸⁵²

Its actions, of unrestrained power, are brightening/clarifying (*mujallī*)⁸⁵³ and tonic (*muqawwī*).⁸⁵⁴

Its corrective is *tavākṣīra*.⁸⁵⁵ Its dose is half a *dirham*.⁸⁵⁶

⁸⁵⁰ Compare *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p. 193: *netrarogomko lābhaprada; iskā netrāñjan (surmā) andherī aur dhundhako gunkārak hai*, beneficial in a collyrium against blindness and hazy vision; *āñkhake jāleko kātnevālā*, crushing a cataract. Achundow 274 (534): idem (es nützt gegen Leukome der Augen). Al-Kindi 332: the greater celandine seed juice is used for the eyes. Daljīt Simḥa 566: especially useful for eye diseases. Dymock I, 32: Bernier mentions it as a medicine very good for the eyes. See also Flückiger and Hanbury 3–5; Schlimmer 394.

⁸⁵¹ *puṣpa* is a term denoting an inflammation of the eyes (see *Hārītasamhitā* 45.14–18).

⁸⁵² Left unmentioned by Achundow (235). *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.193: *viśeṣataḥ pāṇḍuko lābhaprada hai*, especially useful in cases of morbid pallor; *pīliyāko lābhaprada*, beneficial in cases of jaundice. Daljīt Simḥa 566: useful in obstructive jaundice.

⁸⁵³ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.193: *doṣomko svacchatāprada*. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa II, 1676: *mujallī* = *svacchatākāraka*, i.e., clarifying.

⁸⁵⁴ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.193: it is *rodhako udghāṭaka* (deobstruent), *mūtrala* (diuretic), etc. Compare Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 135: externally used, it is rubefacient; internally used, it acts as a purgative, expectorant, diuretic and cholagogue.

⁸⁵⁵ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.193: honey is the corrective. Daljīt Simḥa 566: honey is its corrective. The Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (II, 1676) mentions a number of correctives for different purposes: *sikañjabīn*, *katīrā*, *babbūla* gum, *hamāmā*, and *nībū*; *nībū* is the Hindī name of *Citrus aurantium* Linn..

⁸⁵⁶ Daljīt Simḥa 566: its dose is 1 to 2 gm. Substitutes are not mentioned in the text. The *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.193) remarks that *haldī* is the substitute. Daljīt Simḥa mentions *Curcuma longa* Linn. (*haldī*) and *mura makkī* (the same as *murra*) as substitutes. The Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (II, 1676) records as substitutes: *farāsiyūn*, *astīmūn*, and *billīlotan* (= *bādarañjabūyā*). *bādranjbūya* is often identified as *Melissa officinalis* Linn. [this is a valid name]; see: Achundow 160 (58); Ainslie I, 25–26; Al-Biruni 69 (3): *bādranjbūyah* and 83 (6): *bādhārūj*, mountain balm, probably *Calamintha portensis* L. [this is not a valid name]; Daljīt Simḥa 528–529: *Melissa officinalis* Linn., Arabian balm, Persian name *bādrangbūya*, Hindī name *billīlotan*; Schlimmer 203: *bādranjbūyah*, *Dracocephalum moldavicum* [valid name: *Dracocephalum moldavicum* Linn.] = *Melissa cedronella* [this is not a valid name]; Schmucker 100 (94). Compare 2.2.154–156: *bādarañjabūyā*. See also: Dymock et al. III, 117.

murra⁸⁵⁷ – ***makadra***⁸⁵⁸ – ***bola***⁸⁵⁹

2.2.1040:

*tiktogragandhah pravaras tridhoṣṇo rūkṣah prabhūtāmayakhaṇḍanah
syāt /
mane afūnat tanute muḥallil śaktyā mufattih gunavāṁś ca śonah //*

Its best kind is bitter and has a strong smell; it is hot to the third degree and dry.⁸⁶⁰ It destroys many diseases.⁸⁶¹

The red kind prevents excitation of the *doṣas*,⁸⁶² is resolvent (*muḥallil*) and deobstruent (*mufattih*) as to its actions, and full of (good) qualities.⁸⁶³

⁸⁵⁷ Achundow 274 (531) and 403 (406). Ainslie, I, 242–245. Al-Biruni I, 304 (31): *murr*. Al-Kindi 333–334 (283): *murr*, source: *Balsamodendron myrrha* Nees. Daljīt Simhā 543–544: *murr* (Arabic name), *bol* (Persian name); source: *Commiphora myrrha* Nees. [valid name: *Commiphora myrrha* (Nees) Engl. = *Balsamodendron myrrha* Nees]. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 91: *murr*, *Balsamodendron myrrh*. Schlimmer 394: myrrh, *murr makkī*. Schmucker 462–463 (704); sources: *Commiphora abyssinica* Engl. [valid name: *Commiphora habessinica* (O.Berg) Engl. = *Commiphora abyssinica* (O.Berg) Engl., orth. var.], *Commiphora myrrha* Engl. var. *molmol* [valid name: *Commiphora myrrha* (Nees) Engl. = *Commiphora molmol* (Engl.) Engl.]. Compare on myrrh in the Muslim world: E. Wiedemann II, 107, 119–120; 235 (12): Myrrhe. See also Dymock et al. I, 304–313; Flückiger and Hanbury 124–129. Myrrh is mentioned in āyurvedic texts: the *Siddhabhaiṣajyamañjūṣā* (*jvara* 81) mentions it as *muremakkī*.

⁸⁵⁸ This synonym is absent from my sources.

⁸⁵⁹ This substance is known in some classical āyurvedic texts: *Aṣṭāṅgahṛdayasamhitā*, *Sūtrasthāna* 15.43: *jātīrasa*, interpreted as *bola* by Hemādri, *Śārīrasthāna* 2.50: *rasa*, interpreted as *bola* by Arunadatta, *Cikitsasthāna* 21.77: *rasa*, interpreted as *bola* by Indu. See *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.184–185: *bola*, Sanskrit name *gandharasa*; *Kaiyadevanighaṇṭu*, *dhātuvarga* 82cd–85ab: *bola, jātīrasa, rasagandha*; *Āyurvedaprakāśa* 2.306: *raktabola, śyāmabola, manusyajabola*; *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* 140: *raktabola* and *kṛṣṇabola*; *Viśikhānupraveśavijñāna* 228: *raktabola*.

⁸⁶⁰ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.184: hot to the third and dry to the second degree. Achundow 274 (531): hot and dry to the second degree. Daljīt Simhā 543: hot and dry to the second degree. *Kaiyadevanighaṇṭu*, *dhātuvarga* 84: *bola* is cold. *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* 140: *raktabola* is hot, *kṛṣṇabola* is cold.

⁸⁶¹ See Daljīt Simhā 543–544. Compare *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* 140.

⁸⁶² *Kaiyadevanighaṇṭu*, *dhātuvarga* 84: *bola* is *tridoṣaghna*. *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* 140: *raktabola* is *tridoṣanud*. Compare *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.184: *vāyuko layakartā*.

⁸⁶³ Compare on the actions and uses of myrrh: *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.184–185; Encyclopa-

commentary:

mane afūnat – doşaprakopanişedhah.

mane afūnat (means that) it prevents excitation of the *doşas*.

2.2.1041:

kalamah⁸⁶⁴ svarase piştah pralepād āmaśothahṛt /
sudāva svarasakvāthopārjito hy āśu bastinā

kalama, crushed in its own juice, annihilates immature swellings when used in an ointment.

A decoction in the juice of *sudāva*⁸⁶⁵ quickly (annihilates) black bile when employed in an enema.

commentary:

karmavišeşeneti.

This happens on account of a particular action.

2.2.1042–1045:

rajahstambham mṛtabhrūṇam sammocayati koṣṭhataḥ //
guñjāmānonmitah prātaḥ koṣṇanīrānupānataḥ //

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⁸⁶⁴ See 2.2.935–936: *karnava* – *kalam*. Achundow 246–247: *karnab*, *Brassica oleracea* [valid name: *Brassica oleracea* Linn.]. Ainslie I, 46–47: *kirnub* is the Arabic name, *kelum* the Persian name of *Brassica oleracea* (Lin.). Al-Kindi 326 (262): *kurunb*, cabbage, *Brassica oleracea* L. Āyurvedīyavīskoşa III, 2206–2208: *karnab*, *kalam*, cabbage, *Brassica*. Hand Book 215–221: *kurunb*, *Brassica oleracea* Linn. var. *capitata* [valid name: *Brassica oleracea* Linn. var. *capitata* Linn.]. Schlimmer 135: *kalam*, cabbage. Schmucker: absent.

⁸⁶⁵ Achundow 217 (313): *sadāb*, *Ruta graveolens*. Ainslie I, 351–353 and 626: *sadāb*, *Ruta graveolens* (Lin.). Al-Biruni 180–181 (11): *sadhāb* and 198 (17): *Ruta montana* Clus. [this is not a valid name]. Al-Kindi 279–280 (139): *sad̄hāb*, rue, especially *Ruta graveolens* Linn. [this is a valid name]. Daljīt Simha 688–690: *alsudāb* is the Arabic, *sadāb* or *sudāb* the Persian name of *Ruta graveolens* Linn. The Hand Book (18) identifies *sudab* as *Ruta graveolens* Linn. Schlimmer (310) mentions *sudāba kūhī* as a name of *Peganum harmala* Linn. Schmucker 229–230 (370): *sadāb*, *sad̄hāb*, *Ruta graveolens* L. Platts and Steingass: *sudāb*, the herb rue (i.e., a *Ruta*). *Peganum harmala* is regarded as a species of the genus *Ruta* in the older botanical literature.

śvāsaṁ kāsaṁ pārśvaśūlam vakṣaḥkanthaṛujam jayet /
 sirkāroganagulyuktaḥ pralepād api mardanāt //
 pāmākaṇḍūpraśamano bastikoṣṭhāhito bhr̄śam /
 kṣaudram kāfūra darpaghne sirkā badala ucyate //

It loosens from the abdominal cavity the obstructed menstrual discharge⁸⁶⁶ and a dead foetus.⁸⁶⁷

It conquers, when taken in the morning with tepid water as an *anupāna*, in a dose of a *guñjā*, respiratory disorders,⁸⁶⁸ cough,⁸⁶⁹ piercing pain in the sides, and pain in chest and throat.

With the addition of vinegar (*sirkā*) and rose-oil and used in an ointment, also when used for massage, it alleviates *pāmā* and itching. It is harmful to the bladder and the abdominal viscera.

kṣaudra honey and camphor are said to be correctives and vinegar (*sirkā*) is a substitute.⁸⁷⁰

*murdārasaṅga*⁸⁷¹

2.2.1046–1048:

asfahāni varah śīto dīptimān pāṭalo guṇe /
 rūkṣo tridhā pralepena vraṇavīsarpankuṣṭhanut //
 asṛgdaram raktaṭittam raktaṭisaraṇam punah /

⁸⁶⁶ Achundow 274 (531): in agreement (befördert die Menstruation). Daljīt Siṁha 543: it is ārtavajanana, brings about the menstrual discharge.

⁸⁶⁷ Achundow 274 (531): it is an abortifacient (triebt den Foetus ab).

⁸⁶⁸ 274 (531): idem (unterdrückt Schwerathmigkeit).

⁸⁶⁹ Achundow 274 (531): in agreement (unterdrückt chronischen Husten).

⁸⁷⁰ Daljīt Siṁha mentions as substitutes: *kūṭ*, *jundavestara* and *momiyāī*.

⁸⁷¹ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.199: Persian name *murdārasaṅg*, Arabic name *murdārasan*. Achundow 275 (535): *murdāsandsch*, the Persian term for lithargyrum, Bleiglätte. Ainslie I, 535–537: *murdār sang*, litharge, semi-vitrified oxide of lead. Al-Biruni 303 (27): *murdār sanj* and 315, n. 46 and 47: litharge, lead monoxide, Persian *murdārsang*. Al-Kindi 334–335 (285): *murtak* or *martak*, an abbreviation of the Persian *murdāsanj*, litharge. Hand Book 477: lead oxide, litharge. Schlimmer 348: *murdārsang*, litharge. E. Wiedemann I, 711: *murdāsang*. This drug is found in many āyurvedic treatises under various names: Vidyāpati's *Vaidyarahasya*: *muradāśāṅkha*, *murdāśāṅkhaka*, Vallabhendra's *Vaidyacintāmaṇi*: *muddāraśringa*, Āyurvedaprakāśa: *bodāraśringaka*, *Rasa-jalanidhi*: *mṛddāraśringaka*, etc.

*raktaniṣṭhīvanāṁ meham vastidāhaṁ niyacchati //
 miskāla 1 ekas tilatailayuktah /
 prātah krimighno vidhināśitah syāt //
 dhāroṣṇadugdham sasitam bhiṣagbhir darpāpaham proktam
 amuṣya sadbhīḥ //*

The best kind, that from Isfahān,⁸⁷² is cold, hot and *pāṭala* as to its qualities, dry to the third degree.⁸⁷³ (Employed) in an ointment it cures wounds and ulcers,⁸⁷⁴ *vīsarpa*⁸⁷⁵ and *kuṣṭha*.⁸⁷⁶ It alleviates *asṛgdara*,⁸⁷⁷ *raktaṭitta*, bloody diarrhoea,⁸⁷⁸ haematemesis, *meha*⁸⁷⁹ and a burning sensation in the bladder. A dose of one *misikal*, accompanied by sesame oil, taken in the morning according to the prescription, will remove parasites.⁸⁸⁰ Good physicians consider milk directly from the udder, together with sugar, as its corrective.⁸⁸¹

commentary:

aklīmiya pratiniḍidhīḥ

*aklīmiyā*⁸⁸² is the substitute.⁸⁸³

⁸⁷² Achundow 275: die beste Bleiglätte ist die röthliche aus Isfahan.

⁸⁷³ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.199: hot and dry to the second degree, but cold according to some. Achundow 275: trocknend. *Nighanturatnākara* (67): *kaṇkuṣṭha* (= *muḍāraśīṅga*) is hot.

⁸⁷⁴ Achundow 275: befördert die Granulationsbildung in den Wunden. *Nighanturatnākara* (67): it is *vranaropanāṇakāraka*.

⁸⁷⁵ Achundow 275: gegen heisse Schwellungen nützlich. See on *visarpa*, generally regarded as erysipelas: *Mādhavanidāna* 52.

⁸⁷⁶ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.199: *khujlī aur prāyah tvacāke rogoṇmēm pracalit hai*, it is currently used against itching and skin diseases.

⁸⁷⁷ See *Mādhavanidāna* 61.

⁸⁷⁸ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.199: *atisārabaddhak*.

⁸⁷⁹ The *Nighanturatnākara* (67) disagrees: *pramehasya kārakam*. See on *prameha*: *Mādhavanidāna* 33.

⁸⁸⁰ Supported by the *Nighanturatnākara* (67).

⁸⁸¹ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.199: emetic measures, ghee, and almond oil are the correctives.

⁸⁸² Achundow: absent. Al-Kindi 234–235: *iqlīmiyā*, scoria, usually of metals. Daljīt Simḥa II: absent. Hamdard 220 and 221: *aqlīmiya-i-fizza* = silver oxide. Schmucker 83–85: *aqlīmiyā*, an unidentified inorganic substance. Steingass: *iqlīmiyā*, ore, scum, dross of gold or silver.

⁸⁸³ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.199: *aklīmiyā* is the substitute.

muśka⁸⁸⁴ – mṛgamadah⁸⁸⁵

2.2.1051–1053:

śvāsakāsahṛdayārtihāriṇī cittavibhramamadapramāthīnī /
vīryaśauryabalavṛddhikāriṇī puṣpacāparatiraṅgadāyīnī //
śleśmavātajāṭharāgnimandatāṁ hanti rūkṣaśiśiretarā tridhā /
jāfa dil śiśiratāvisamjñatāsvedagandhaśamanī niśātadā //

(Musk)⁸⁸⁶ drives away respiratory disorders, cough, and pain in the cardiac region. It removes mental disturbance⁸⁸⁷ and intoxication. It makes virility, prowess, and strength increase and provides sexual pleasure.⁸⁸⁸ It destroys abdominal swelling by phlegm and wind⁸⁸⁹ and sluggishness of the digestive fire.

⁸⁸⁴ Achundow 410: *misk*. Ainslie I, 228–230: *mishk*, the Arabic and Persian name of musk. Al-Biruni 304–305 (33): *misk* and 315 (59): musk. Al-Kindi 310 (217): *fār*, a kind of musk; 310–311 (218): *fār misk*, *fār* musk. Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa III, 2375–2389: *kastūrī*, *muśka*, musk. Daljīt Simḥa: absent. Hand Book 579–586. Schlimmer 376: *mishk*, moschus. See on musk in the Muslim world: Wiedemann I, 680–681; II, 8–9, 110–111, 126–127, 240–244, 262–263 and 270.

⁸⁸⁵ This is a common Sanskrit name of musk.

⁸⁸⁶ The *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* (47) distinguishes three kinds of musk: *kāmarūpodbhavāṁ śṛṇu / uttamā sā kṛṣnavarṇā nepālasthā tu madhyamā // tāmravarṇā ca sā jñeyā kāśmīra-sthādhamā matā / varnena kapiśā sā tu jñeyā sujñaiś ca paṇḍitaiḥ //* Listen (to what I say) about the kind coming from Kāmarūpa: it is the best kind and has a black colour; that kind which has a coppery colour and is found in Nepal is of an average quality; lowest in quality is that from Kaśmīr, of a reddish-brown colour, according to the opinion of expert learned men.

⁸⁸⁷ The Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (III, 2387) agrees in describing it as: *man ko ullasit kartā*, it makes the mind full of joy. *Abhinavanighantu*, p.38–39: *viśeṣataḥ manah prasanna kartā hai*.

⁸⁸⁸ The *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* (47) describes it as aphrodisiac (*vṛṣya*) and promoting the production of semen (*śukraprada*). The Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (III, 2387) also regards it as aphrodisiac (*vājīkaraṇa*, *kāmoddīpana*). The *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.38–39) remarks that it cures premature ejaculation.

⁸⁸⁹ The Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (III, 2387) calls it *kaphanāśaka* and *vātanāśaka*. The *Dhanvantarīyanighaṇṭu* (3.29) describes it as driving away phlegm, or phlegm and wind according to another opinion (3.30). The *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* (47) calls it *kaphanāśinī*.

It is dry and hot to the third degree.⁸⁹⁰

It exults the heart and alleviates feelings of coldness,⁸⁹¹ loss of consciousness, and the (bad) smell of sweat.⁸⁹² It has a sharpening (action).

commentary:

pramodapradety arthah.

This means that it gives joy.⁸⁹³

*śrīkhaṇḍam ca tavāśīra darpaghnam ubhayam smṛtam /
badala vara vikhyātaṇ mātrā syād raktikādvayam //*

Both *śrīkhaṇḍa*⁸⁹⁴ and *tavāśīra* are said to be correctives.⁸⁹⁵

The generally known substitute is *vara*.⁸⁹⁶ The dose is two *raktikā*.⁸⁹⁷

⁸⁹⁰ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.38–39): it is hot and dry. The *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* (47) calls it hot.

The Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa (III, 2387) describes it as hot to the second and dry to (the end of the second or) the third degree; others regard it as hot and dry to the second degree.

⁸⁹¹ Supported by the *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* (47): *śītām nāśayati*.

⁸⁹² Supported by the *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* (47): it is *daurgandhyanāśinī*.

⁸⁹³ This remark can only refer to *jāfa dil*.

⁸⁹⁴ A synonym of *candana*.

⁸⁹⁵ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.38–39: *vamśalocana*, *gulāb*, and camphor are the correctives.

⁸⁹⁶ The identification of *vara* is uncertain. Hindī *bar* or *bar* is *Ficus benghalensis* Linn.

(Daljīt Simḥa 595). *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.38–39: *jundavedastara* is a substitute.

⁸⁹⁷ A small unit of weight.

mastagī rūmī⁸⁹⁸ – mastāṅgī

2.2.1058–1060:

*rūkṣoṣṇā dviguṇam mādā yakṛtādyantraśothahṛt /
naftuldam kaphakāsaghnī sudāyaghnī ca dīpinī //
samagarvī vikāraghnāḥ pācanī dirame 1 khurāk //
mulattifa mukavvī ca muhallil kābija smṛtāḥ /
hāvis dam śaktayas turyā 4 anukalpas tu kunduruḥ //*

It is dry and hot to the second degree,⁸⁹⁹ *mādā*,⁹⁰⁰ and dissolves swelling⁹⁰¹ of the liver and other viscera and of the intestine.⁹⁰²

⁸⁹⁸ Achundow 273 (528) and 403 (403): *mastak*, Harz von *Pistacia Lentiscus* L. [this is a valid name], Mastix. Ainslie I, 214–216: Hindī name *rūmī maṣṭaqī*, *Pistacia Lentiscus* (Lin.). Al-Biruni 306 (41) and 316 (76): *mastagī* is the resinous exudation of *Pistacia lentiscus* L. Al-Kindi: mentioned in prescriptions, not described. Daljīt Simḥa 570–571: *mastakī*. Hamdard 411: *rūmī mastagi*, the Persian name of the resin of *Pistacia lentiscus* Linn. Schlimmer 363: *maṣṭakī*, resin from *Pistacia lentiscus* Linn. Schmucker 479–480 (730): *maṣṭakī*, the resin of *Pistacia lentiscus* L. See on mastix in the Muslim world: E. Wiedemann II, 107, 119; 233 (3): ‘*ilk al anbāt*, Pistazienharz, and (4) *al ‘ilk al rūmī*, Mastix. Compare on mastix in general: Dymock et al. I, 377–379; Flückiger and Hanbury 142–146. Mastix is known under several related names to a number of post-classical āyurvedic texts: Soḍhala’s *Gadanigraha* (*prayogakhaṇḍa* 249: *mastakī*); Harṣakīrti’s *Yogacintāmaṇi* (48, 77, 271: *mastakī*; 103, 137: *mastagī*); Hastiruci’s *Vaidyavallabha* (8.30 and 39: *mastakī*); Siddhabheṣajamaṇimālā (2.134: *mastakīgundra*, 4.958: *mastaṅgī*, 4.174: *rūmajamastagī*); Siddhabhaiṣajyamaṇjūṣā (*jvara* 71): *rūmagundra*, *Viśikhānupraveśavijñāna* (251): *rūmā*, etc.

⁸⁹⁹ The *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.194), Daljīt Simḥa (571) and Yādavaśarman (157) are in agreement.

⁹⁰⁰ The meaning of *mādā* is not clear.

⁹⁰¹ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.194: *śothako layakartā*. Achundow 273 (528): beseitigt Schwellung des Magens und der Leber. Daljīt Simḥa 571: dissolving swellings (*śvayathuvilayana*). Yādavaśarman (157): *śothahara*.

⁹⁰² Or, dissolves swelling of the liver and other viscera, which is less probable since the liver is never called part of the *antra*.

It eliminates excited blood⁹⁰³ and cough by phlegm;⁹⁰⁴ it subdues headache (*sudā'*) and stimulates the fire.⁹⁰⁵

samag arabī is its corrective; it is digestive⁹⁰⁶ and the dose is one *dirham*.

It possesses four actions, attenuant (*mulaṭṭif*), tonic (*mukavvī*),⁹⁰⁷ resolvent (*muḥallīl*)⁹⁰⁸ and constipating (*kābij*),⁹⁰⁹ all of them (also) styptic in character.⁹¹⁰

Its substitute⁹¹¹ is *kunduru*.⁹¹²

⁹⁰³ Persian *naft* means being enraged or boiling and may have the same meaning as Sanskrit *kupita*; *dam* is the Arabic word for blood. The term *naftuldam* occurs several times in the text; compare, for example, 2.2.1074. Compare *Abhinavanighanṭu*, p.195: *mukhase rūdhirkē āneko lābhaprada*.

⁹⁰⁴ *Abhinavanighanṭu*, p.194–195: *kaphako śodhankartā*. Achundow 273 (528): unterdrückt den durch Feuchtigkeit entstandenen Husten. Daljīt Simḥa 571: eliminates phlegm (*śleṣmanīḥsāraka*). Yādavaśarman (157): *kaphaniḥsāraka*.

⁹⁰⁵ Daljīt Simḥa 571: idem.

⁹⁰⁶ *Abhinavanighanṭu*, p.194: *pācanaśaktiko balapradā*.

⁹⁰⁷ *Abhinavanighanṭu*, p.194: *snāyu*, *uttamāṅga*, *āmāśaya*, *yakṛt*, *vṛkkako balapradā*. Yādavaśarman (157): *āmāśay aur yakṛtko balapradā*.

⁹⁰⁸ *Abhinavanighanṭu*, p.194: *śothako layakartā*.

⁹⁰⁹ *Abhinavanighanṭu*, p.194: it is *baddhaka*. Achundow 273 (528): wirkt verstopfend infolge der adstringirenden Eigenschaft. Yādavaśarman (157): it is *grāhin*.

⁹¹⁰ Yādavaśarman (157): it is *raktastambhana*.

⁹¹¹ The text does not name correctives. The *Abhinavanighanṭu* (p.194) mentions *katīrā* as the corrective.

⁹¹² *Abhinavanighanṭu*, p.194: substitutes are the resins of *kandara* and *bilma*; *kandara* is an error for *kunduru*, *bilma* is absent from the *Abhinavanighanṭu*. Achundow 250–251 (480) and 395 (366): *kundur*, the resin of *Boswellia thurifera* [valid name: *Boswellia serrata* Roxb. ex Coleb. = *Boswellia thurifera* Roxb.]. Ainslie I, 136–138: frankincense, source: *Boswellia Glabra* (Roxb.) [valid name: *Boswellia serrata* Roxb. ex Colebr. = *Boswellia glabra* Roxb.] and I, 264–268: olibanum, Arabic name *lubān*, *Boswellia Serrata* (Roxb.), *Libanus Thurifera* (Colebrooke) [this is not a valid name]. Al-Biruni II, 102: *kundur*, frankincense of *Boswellia serrata* L.; I, 283 (37): *kundur*, and 289, n.97: frankincense of several varieties and sources. Al-Kindi 328 (267): *kundur*, storax and 329–330 (271): *lubān*, storax, especially from *Boswellia carterii* Birdwood [valid name: *Boswellia sacra* Fleuck. = *Boswellia carteri* Birdwood.]. Daljīt Simḥa 99–100: *kunduru*, called *kundur* in Persian: frankincense from *Boswellia floribunda* [this is not a valid name]. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 102–103: *lobān*, *Boswellia carteri*. Hamdard 366: Indian olibanum from *Boswellia glabra* Roxb. Schlimmer 412: *kundur*, olibanum. Schmucker 410–411: *kundur*, Weihrauch (i.e., incense) from various sources (*Juniperus*

mukula arjaka⁹¹³ – mahiṣākṣo guggulu⁹¹⁴

2.2.1061–1063:

*snigdhoṣṇo dviguṇam sūkṣmaḥ saudā(śleṣma)doṣavirekakṛt /
pavanāmayavidhvamīṣī pralepād vraṇaśothahṛt //
mūtrakṛcchrāśmarīghnaś ca mudirra mubahī tathā /
kuṣṭhorustambhadurnāmanāśano dhūpanāśanāt //
katīrā darpahṛn mātrā dirama I pravarā bhavet //*

guggulu is moist and hot to the second degree and subtle.⁹¹⁵

and *Boswellia* species). See also Dymock et al. I, 302–303; Flückiger and Hanbury 120–124: olibanum, Schmucker 426–427: *lubān*, E. Wiedemann II, 13, 107, 120; 233 (9): not identified; 236–237, 380, 398–399. A number of āyurvedic texts are acquainted with *lohabāṇa*: (*Siddhabheṣajamaṇimālā* 2.132; 4.435; 5.105); *Viśikhānupraveśavijñāna* (249) or *lobāṇa*: *Pākapradīpa* (220), *Gandhavāda* (many times).

⁹¹³ Achundow 272 (522): *muql*, bdellium, resin of a *Balsamodendron*, and 402–403 (397): Bdellium, das heisst ein Produkt mehrerer Species von *Balsamodendron* seu *Heudelotia Burseraceae*, namentlich von *Balsamodendron Mukul* Hook., dem indischen Bdelliumbaum, und von *Balsamodendron africanum* Arn., dem afrikanischen Balsambaum. Ainslie I, 29–31: *muql*, bdellium. Al-Biruni 307–308 (50): *muql* and 317, n.99: *muql* is the false bdellium, a resin which may come from various species: *Hyphaene thebaica* Mart. [valid name: *Hyphaene thebaica* (Linn.) Mart.] (*Arecaceae*), *Balsamodendron africanum* Arn. [valid name: *Commiphora africana* (A.Rich.) Engl. = *Balsamodendrum africanum* A.Rich.], and *Balsamodendron mukul* Hook. [valid name: *Commiphora wightii* (Arn.) Bhandari = *Balsamodendron mukul* Hook. ex Stocks], etc. Al-Kindi 329: *muql* designates the bdellium which comes from *Balsamodendron mukul* Hook.; *kūr azraq* is the blue bdellium, probably the resin of *Balsamodendron africanum* Arn.; *muql azraq* is also blue bdellium. Daljīt Simha 252: *muql-arjak*, bdellium from *Commiphora wightii* (Arn.) Bhandari. Hand Book: absent. Schlimmer 73: *muql azraq*, bdellium. Schmucker 483–484 (735): *muql*, resin (*muql azraq*) from *Balsamodendron mukul* Hook., *Balsamodendron africanum*, *Commiphora africana*. See on *guggulu*: R. Bedi and C. Dwarkanath (1969); Dymock et al. I, 310–313; Hobson-Jobson 76; Maclean 78–79; V.V.S. Sastry (1976); E. Sukumar and K. Balakrishna (1985).

⁹¹⁴This is the same as *guggulu*.

⁹¹⁵*Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.72: hot to the third and dry to the second degree. Achundow 272 (522): hot and moist, hot and dry according to others. Daljīt Simha 253: hot to the third degree and dry to the second degree. The *Dhanvantariyanighaṇṭu* (3.128) describes *guggulu* as dry (*rūkṣa*) and subtle (*sūkṣma*); according to another opinion it is moist (*snigdha*) and hot. The *Rājanighaṇṭu* (186) regards it as hot. The *Nighaṇṭuratnākara*

It eliminates the *dosas* black bile and phlegm.⁹¹⁶

In the form of an ointment it removes wind diseases⁹¹⁷ and the swelling⁹¹⁸ (accompanying) wounds and ulcers; it conquers micturition problems and bladder stones⁹¹⁹ and is (provided with the actions) causing to flow *mudirra* and aphrodisiac (*mubahī*).⁹²⁰

In a fumigation or by ingestion it cures *kuṣṭha*,⁹²¹ *ūrustambha*⁹²² and haemorrhoids.⁹²³ The corrective is *katīrā*⁹²⁴ and its optimal dose is one *dirham*.⁹²⁵

(73) calls it hot and moist (*snigdha*).

⁹¹⁶ Achundow 272 (522): besitzt die Eigenschaft Schleim abzuführen. The *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.72) remarks that it is *svacchakartā*, which implies that it opposes phlegm. It overcomes phlegm according to the *Suśrutasaṃhitā* (*Sutrasthāna* 38.24–25), *Dhanvantariyanighaṇṭu* (3.128), *Rājanighaṇṭu* (12.186), and *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* (73).

⁹¹⁷ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.72: *vāyuko layakartā*. Daljīt Simḥa 253: regularising wind (*vātānulomana*). *Suśrutasaṃhitā*, *Sūtrasthāna* 38.24–25: *vātakaphau nihanyāt*. The *Dhanvantariyanighaṇṭu* (3.128) and *Rājanighaṇṭu* (12.186) describe it as subduing wind. *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* (73): it is *vātanāśaka*.

⁹¹⁸ Daljīt Simḥa 253 agrees (*śvayathuvilayana*). The *Dhanvantariyanighaṇṭu* (3.129) mentions that *guggulu* cures disorders brought about by swellings (*śophabhūtavikārajiit*). The *Rājanighaṇṭu* (12.186) says that it cures swellings. It is *śothavināśaka* in the *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* (73).

⁹¹⁹ Achundow 272 (522): es ist für Blasensteine nützlich.

⁹²⁰ It is *sāraka* and *vṛṣya* in the *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* (73). Compare on the actions and uses: Hamdard 366.

⁹²¹ In agreement with the *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* (73).

⁹²² See *Suśrutasaṃhitā*, *Cikitsāsthāna* 5.35. See on this disease (stiffness of the thighs): Āyurvedīyaviśvakoṣa II, 1692–1695; *Mādhavanidāna* 24.

⁹²³ The *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.72) agrees: *bavāstīrko lābhakartā*. Achundow 272 (522): es nützt gegen Hämorrhoiden, wenn man es innerlich gebraucht oder die betreffenden Parthien damit räuchert. The *Rājanighaṇṭu* (12.186) and *Nighaṇṭuratnākara* (73) say that it cures haemorrhoids.

⁹²⁴ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.72) and Daljīt Simḥa 253: *katīrā* and *kesara*; the latter is identified (II, 202–203) as *Crocus sativus* Linn., but it is sometimes an abbreviation of *nāgakesara*, *Mesua ferrea* Linn. (II, 407–408).

⁹²⁵ Substitutes are left unmentioned. The *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.72) regards *elāvāluka* (a fragrant substance) as the substitute.

*momyāyī*⁹²⁶

2.2.1071–1075:

*praśastākarasamjātā grāvanirjharadhāmataḥ /
rūkṣoṣṇaikagunām bhuktā bhagnāghātavighātakṛt //
khalay kasara jarberā saktā fālij saray tathā /
lakvā śakīkā dāvvāra tamadduda khadara 1 punaḥ //
sudāya balgamī śotham vyāpādayati krtsnataḥ /
marjamgośa-rase piṣṭā nāvanān mukharogahṛt //
yavakvāthānupītā ca naftuldam hṛdayāmayam /
hikkām pañca 5 vidhām sadyo nihanyāt kanṭhanigraham //
dhāroṣṇapayasā sākām śarkarām aśmarīm jayet /
ruba 4 diram proktā jakhma gurdā-nibarhiṇī //*

The recommended type is that originating from a mine, from a place with rocks and waterfalls. It is dry and hot to the first degree⁹²⁷ when ingested; it cures fractures and traumatic lesions.⁹²⁸

It completely annihilates (the following disorders): a dislocated vertebra, fractures of bones (*kasr*),⁹²⁹ pain in bones, loss of consciousness (*sakta*), palsy (*fālij*) and convulsive disorders like epilepsy (*sar'*), facial paresis,⁹³⁰ *ardhāvabhedaka*, *sūryāvarta* (*dawwār*), disorders resembling swelling (*tamaddud*), laxity (*khadara*), and phlegmatic headache (*sudā'*),⁹³¹ and swellings.⁹³²

When crushed in the juice of *marjamgośa*⁹³³ and used as an errhine, it re-

⁹²⁶ *Abhinavanighāṇu*, p.207: Persian name *momayātī*, Arabic names *arakujabbāl* and *hāfiżul ajsād*. Achundow 277 (542): *mūmjāj*, Mumia, eine Art Erdwachs. Al-Biruni 311 (65): *mūmyā'i* and 318 (126): Pissaspalt. Schmucker 490-(747): *mūmiyā*, *mūmiyā'ī*, Erdwachs, Asphalt, Bergteer. See on this substance: Achundow 324–325.

⁹²⁷ *Abhinavanighāṇu*, p.207: hot and dry to the third degree. Achundow 277 (542): hot and dry to the second degree.

⁹²⁸ Confirmed by the *Abhinavanighāṇu* (p.207): *isko dūdh aur ghīmem milākar to aṅga bhaṅga honā, bhītarī coṭ aur vran in sabko dūr karnevālī hai*.

⁹²⁹ Achundow (277) agrees.

⁹³⁰ Achundow (277) agrees.

⁹³¹ Achundow 277: nützt gegen kalte (chronische) Krankheiten im Kopfe; unterdrückt das durch Kälte und Feuchtigkeit entstandene Kopfweh.

⁹³² *Abhinavanighāṇu*, p.207: *kaphajaśothako layakartā*.

⁹³³ *Abhinavanighāṇu*, 139: *marjamgośa*, Sanskrit name *damanaka*. Achundow 273–274 (530): *marzandschūsch*, *Origanum Majorana*. Ainslie I, 213–214: *marzanjūsh*, *Origa-*

moves diseases of the oral cavity. With a decoction of barley as an *anupāna* it immediately overcomes excited blood (*naftuldam*), cardiac diseases, the fivefold hiccup, and obstruction of the throat. It conquers, taken along with milk warm from the cow, gravel and bladder stones.

A dose of the extract of four *dirham* is said to suppress wounds (*zakhm*) of the kidney (*ghurda*).⁹³⁴

commentary:

diram turīyāṁśa ityarthah. khalaya kīkasasya sthānād bhraṁśah. kasara asthibhaṅgah. jarbā asthivedanā. saktā sanyāsah. fālijā pakṣanāśah. saraya apasmṛtiḥ. lakvā arditam. śakīkā ardhwabhedakah. dāvvāra sūryāvartah. tamadduda śothābhāve ‘pi śothasādr̥syam, fūlanā badanakā iti bhāśayām. khadara saithilyam. sudāya sādhāraṇaśīrṣavedanā, kapham śvayathum ca vyāpādayatīty anvayah.

A quarter of a dirham is meant. *khalaya* is the displacement of the *kīkasa*.⁹³⁵ *kasara* is the fracture of a bone. *jarbā* is pain in the bones. *saktā* is loss of consciousness. *fālijā* is hemiplegia. *zaraya* is loss of memory. *lakvā* is facial paresis. *śakīkā* is hemicrania/migraine. *dāvvāra* is (the disease called) *sūryāvarta* (in Sanskrit). *tamadduda* is a condition resembling swelling

num Majorana (Lin.). Al-Biruni 302–303 (21): *marzanjūsh*, and 314 (31): *Origanum majorana*. Al-Kindi 335 (286): *marzanjūsh*, *Origanum majorana* L. Daljīt Simḥa 311: *marzañjoś*, *Merremia emarginata* (Burm.f.) Hallier f. [this is a valid name = *Merremia gangetica* (Linn.) Cufo.] or *Hieracium pilosella* Linn. [valid name: *Pilosella officinarum* Vaill.]. Schlimmer 417: *Origanum majorana*, called *marzangūsh* in Persian. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 504–505: *marzanjūsh*, *Origanum majorana*. Schmucker 467–468: *marzanjūsh*, *Majorana* L. Compare the commentary ad 2.2.36–37: *ājānulfār marjamjośah marjamgośah maruvā*, and the text of 2.2.261 where *marjamgośa* juice is mentioned for use in an errhine. Achundow (273) remarks that *āzān ul-fār*, *Myosotis*, is a kind of *marzandschūsch*. Al-Kindi says that *ādhān al-fār*, literally ‘mouse ears’, is one of the names of *Origanum majorana*. Compare E. Wiedemann II, 382 (1) and 391. The plant is dealt with at 2.2.1032–1034: *mañjījośa*, *mañjīghośa* – *marubaka*. Compare on *Origanum majorana*: Dymock et al. III, 108–109; E. Wiedemann II, 107, 301. The āyurvedic drug *marubaka* is generally identified as *Origanum majorana* Linn. [this is a valid name].

⁹³⁴ Correctives and substitutes are not indicated. See about them *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.207: correctives are *sikañjabīn* and *māyulasūl* (unidentified); the substitute is *hajarulyahūd* (unidentified).

⁹³⁵ The breast-bone and the cartilages of the ribs connected with it.

though swelling sui generis is absent; it is called making the body swell in the vernacular.⁹³⁶ *khadara* is laxity. *sudāya* is a common headache. It brings about *kapha* and swelling. Such is the construction of the sentence.

numala⁹³⁷ moracā.⁹³⁸ surkhaneśa. raktamukhī pipilika⁹³⁹

2.2.1103–1104:

*uṣṇā rūkṣā tridhā tīkṣṇā sūkṣmā netrāmayāpahā /
sirkālepena kuṣṭhaghnī tathā romapraharṣinī //
diram pañja 5 mitā dhāryātaile sosanasambhave /
saptāham 7 pañktiśatakam 100 lingalepāt naujadāh //*

(This ant) is hot and dry to the third degree, sharply acting and subtle. It cures eye diseases.

In a vinegar ointment it removes *kuṣṭha* and is beneficial to the hairs.

In a dose of five *dirham* in a *dhāryā* oil⁹⁴⁰ originating from an *Iris*⁹⁴¹ (used) during seven days and a hundred times (*pañkti*) in an ointment on the penis it gives an erection (*nu'ūd*).⁹⁴²

⁹³⁶The correct expression would be: *badan kā phūlānā*.

⁹³⁷*naml* is a Persian term for ant.

⁹³⁸*mūr* is a Persian word for ant. See on ants in the Muslim world: E. Wiedemann II, 355–356.

⁹³⁹A red-faced ant. This drug of animal origin does not form part of the āyurvedic *materia medica*.

⁹⁴⁰This may be an oil for a *dhārā* treatment.

⁹⁴¹Achundow 218–219 (319) and 377 (248): *sūsan*, *Lilium candidum* L. [this is a valid name]. Ainslie I, 182: *sawsun*, *Iris Florentina* (Lin.) [valid name: hybrid of *Iris germanica* Linn. nothovar. *florentina* Dykes]. Al-Biruni 194–195 (59) and (60): *sawsan* and *sawsan asmanqūn*, 202, n. 135: *sawsan* is *Narcissus tazetta* L., the second type may be *Iris germanica* L. Al-Kindi 289 (160): *sūsan*, *Iris florentina* L. is used in Egypt, *Iris spuria* Pall [valid name: *Iris spuria* Linn.] in Iran. Daljīt Simha 707–709: *sosan* is the Persian name of an *Iris* sp. Schlimmer: absent. Schmucker 253–254 (410): *sawsan*, *Lilium* sp.; *sawsan asmanjūnī*, *Iris florentina* L., *Iris pallida* Lam. [this is a valid name], *Iris germanica* L.

⁹⁴²Compare G.S. Lavekar II, 489–490: black ants are used in Yūnānī medicine for the stimulation of erectile power.

*navasādara*⁹⁴³

2.2.1112–1114:

*sāf śaśafāfa billorasamkāśam śastam eva tat /
rūkṣoṣṇam triguṇam cakṣuhukusumārjunatām haret //
dandaśūkādidaṁśeṣu nikṣiptam viṣadoṣahṛt /
sasudhaṇ nāvanam śīrṣaśūlaṇ sarvam vyapohati //
suprasannakhurāsānī mujallī ca mulattifa /
badal śivayamānī yā indarānī paṭur bhavet //*

Pure (*śāf*) *śaśafāfa*⁹⁴⁴ that resembles crystals⁹⁴⁵ is the recommended (kind). It is dry and hot to the third degree⁹⁴⁶ and eliminates the *arjuna* colour of

⁹⁴³ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.152: ammonium chloride, Sanskrit name *nṛṣāra*, Persian and Arabic name *nośādar*. Achundow 280 (560) and 325 (69): *nūschâdir*, sal ammoniacum, Ammonssalz. Ainslie I, 365–368: Persian name *nawṣhādir*, sal ammoniac. Al-Biruni II, 104: *nūshādir*, sal ammoniac; I, 323 (29): *nawshādur*, and 327, n.67: sal-ammoniac. Al-Kindi 341 (311): *nūshādir*, sal ammoniac. Daljīt Siṁha: absent. Hamdard index: *nau-shadar*. Hand Book 405–406: ammonium chloride, Persian name *noshadar*; externally its solution combined with nitre is a nice cooling and stimulant application to the head in headache. Nadkarni II, 11–13: ammonium chloride, Sanskrit names *navasā(ga)ra*, *cūlikālavaṇa*. Schlimmer 496: Persian name *nūshādor*, sal ammoniacum. Schmucker 514–515 (777): *nūshādir*, sal ammoniacum. E. Wiedemann I, 709: *al nūschādur*, 713. This substance is well known from late āyurvedic and alchemical texts, where it appears under a number of related names: *narasāra*, *navasādara*, *navasāra*, *nṛṣāra*, etc. (see G. Jan Meulenbeld III, 2002).

⁹⁴⁴ This may be an error for *ṣafṣāf*, *Salix* sp. or *Populus* sp. (see Schmucker 280 (456)). Compare Achundow 195 (175): *chillāf*, *Salix*, Weide: es giebt viele Arten von Weiden: *chilāf*, *safsāf* und *schaāhbīd*; 280 (456): *ṣafṣāf*, *Salix* L., Weide, und *Populus* L., Pappel; genannt werden: *Salix safsaf* [valid name: *Salix subserrata* Willd. = *Salix safsaf* Forssk. ex Trautv.], *Salix babylonica* L. [this is a valid name], und *Populus alba* L. [this is a valid name]. Al-Biruni 206 (13): *ṣafṣāf* and 209 (24): Egyptian willow, *Salix aegyptiaca* [valid name: *Salix capensis* Thunb. = *Salix aegyptiaca* Thunb.] or *S. safsaf* Forsk. Al-Biruni II, 91: *khilāf*, *ṣafṣāf*, *Salix aegyptiaca* L., or *S. safsaf* Forsk. Encyclopaedia of Islamic medicine 569: *ṣafṣāf*, *Salix alba*. E. Wiedemann II, 376: *ṣafṣāf*, ägyptische Weide. Compare on *Salix* spp.: Dymock et al. III, 364–368.

⁹⁴⁵ Schmucker 119–120 (142): *bilūr* is the name for a crystal in general, in particular for the kind of stone called *mahl*, a well-known kind of precious stone, white and transparent.

⁹⁴⁶ *Abhinavanighaṇṭu* (p.152) and Achundow (280) agree.

cakṣuhkusuma.⁹⁴⁷

Put into the bite of a *dandasūka*,⁹⁴⁸ etc., it removes the poison.

As an errhine, together with *sudhā*,⁹⁴⁹ it removes all kinds of piercing pain in the head.⁹⁵⁰

The very transparent type from Ḫorāsān⁹⁵¹ is brightening/clarifying (*mujallī*)⁹⁵² and attenuant (*mulaṭṭif*)

Its substitute is *sivayamāni*⁹⁵³ or *indarāni*⁹⁵⁴

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⁹⁴⁸ A small invertebrate animal.

⁹⁴⁹ See 2.2.1105–1108: *nūrā āhaka* / *sudhā* / *cūnā*. Compare *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.105: *cūnā*, Sanskrit *cūrṇaka*, Persian *āhak*, Arabic *nūrah*. Compare on *cūrṇa*: Nadkarni II, 40, 42–44, on *sudhā*: Nadkarni 44–45.

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⁹⁵² Compare *Abhinavanighaṇṭu*, p.152: it is *svacchakartā*.

⁹⁵³ Unidentified.

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