# Beinecke MS 408

### 1 Introduction

In the following, mainly to promote easier readability and comparability, a transcription of the manuscript is provided, based on a transliteration by Takahashi (1999). Takahashi's transliteration is obtained in an automatically capitalized version of the *European* or *Extensible Voynich Alphabet* (EVA), using the *Interlinear Transcription Archive Extractor* by Schwerdtfeger (2004). It is then converted back into glyphs using a font by Bettencourt (2019).

Using the manuscript's reproduction in Clemens (2016), Takahashi's transliteration is compared with what I am able to make out of the manuscript. Glyphs that I interpret in another way than Takahashi are printed in orange, showing my interpretation. Removed spaces are marked with — and added spaces are indicated by —. Especially the recognition of spaces is sometimes very difficult; therefore, my adjustments in this — just as in any other — regard should be taken with a certain amount of caution.

Each line of the transcription is preceded by a locator in square brackets, informing the reader about the element a line is part of (i.e., title, paragraph, or label) and assigning the line a number. For example, a line located at [P2, 9] is part of the page's second paragraph and is the overall ninth line on this page.

<sup>1</sup> Schwerdtfeger (2004) builds on an online archive of Voynich transcriptions that was maintained by Jorge Stolfi (Stolfi 1998). For a general overview of transcription efforts, see Zandbergen (2023).

# 2 Transcription

### 2.1 Folio 1, Recto

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### 2.2 Folio 1, Verso

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#### 2.3 Folio 2, Recto

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### 2.4 Folio 2, Verso

#### 2.5 Folio 3, Recto

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### 2.8 Folio 4, Verso

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### 2.11 Folio 6, Recto

### 2.12 Folio 6, Verso

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### 2.14 Folio 7, Verso

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### 2.17 Folio 9, Recto

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# 2.18 Folio 9, Verso

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