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) and the scans provided by Yale University's Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library (2004), 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 —. For sake of simplicity, places, where the writing is interrupted by illustrations, are also marked by spaces. Especially the recognition of spaces in running text is sometimes very difficult; therefore, my adjustments in this — just as in any other — regard should be taken with a certain amount of caution. In total, I made changes in 76 places of Takahashi's transliteration.

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., paragraph, title, or label) and assigning the line a number. For example, a line located at [P2, 9] is part of the page's second paragraph (P2) and is counted as the overall ninth line (9) on this page.

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

2 Transcription

Folio 1, Recto

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Folio 1, Verso

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Folio 2, Recto

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Folio 2, Verso

Folio 3, Recto

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Folio 3, Verso

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Folio 4, Recto

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Folio 4, Verso

Folio 5, Recto

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Folio 6, Recto

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Folio 6, Verso

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Folio 7, Recto

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Folio 7, Verso

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Folio 8, Recto

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Folio 8, Verso

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Folio 9, Recto

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Folio 9, Verso

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Folio 10, Recto

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Folio 10, Verso

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Folio 11, Recto

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[P2, 5]

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Folio 11, Verso

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