A Translation of the New Edition of the Suśrutasaṃhitā

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Sūtrasthāna, adhyāya 1

- 1 Now I shall narrate the chapter on the origin of this knowledge.²³
- 2 Now, as is well-known, Aupadhenava, Vaitaraṇa, Aurabhra, Puṣkalāvata, Karavīra, Gopurarakṣita, Bhoja, Suśruta and others addressed Lord Divodāsa, king of Kāśi, the best of the immortals, who was in his ashram surrounded by an entourage of sages.²⁴
- 3 "O Lord, distress arose in our minds after witnessing people thrashing about with cries, assailed by different kinds of pain and injury (*vedanābhighāta*), feeling helpless in spite of having friends, because of diseases arising from the body, the mind and external sources.
- 4 "To quell the illnesses of those who seek happiness and for our own purpose of prolonging life, we desire the science of life (āyurveda) that is being taught. Welfare, both in this world and in the next, depends upon it. Therefore, we have come to the Lord in pupillage."
- 5 The Lord said to them:
 - "Welcome to you! My children, all of you are beyond reproach and worthy to be taught.
- 6 "As is well known, Ayurveda is the name of what is said to be the subsidiary part of the Atharvaveda. Before creating people, Svayambhū composed it in hundreds of thousands of verses and a thousand chapters and, after observing the short lifespan and low intelligence of people, he presented it again in eight parts.²⁵
- 7 "Surgery, treatment of body parts above the clavicle, general medicine, knowledge of spirits, care of children, and the disciplines of antidotes,
- 23 Dalhaṇa understood the word "knowledge (veda)" as specifically "medical knowledge." He said that the word "longevity" (āyur) had been elided. After this opening statement, later manuscripts and commentaries include the attribution, "as the venerable Dhanvantari stated." The absence of this statement in the early Nepalese manuscripts is highly significant because it removes the outer narrative frame of the Suśrutasaṃhitā (Wujastyk 2013b: 148; Klebanov 2021a: § 3.1.2; Rai 2019; Birch, Wujastyk, Klebanov, Parameswaran, et al. 2021). On the figure of Dhanvatari in medical literature, see HIML: IA 358–361.
- 24 On these persons, see HIML: IA 361–363, 369 ff. The authority Bhoja does not appear in the list as published in the vulgate edition (Su 1931:1), and was not included in HIML amongst "authorities mentioned in the *Suśrutasaṃhitā*." Meulenbeld gathered textual evidence about Bhoja at HIML: IA 690–691. Klebanov (2021*b*) has discussed these authors in the context of an anonymous commentary on the *Suśrutasaṃhitā* that cites them.
- 25 Svayambhū is another name for Brahmā, the creator.

- rejuvenation and aphrodisiacs.
- 8 "Now, a collection of the characteristics of each component of Āyurveda.
- 9 "Among them, [the component] called surgery has the goal of extracting various grasses, wood, stone, dust, iron (?), soil, bone, hair, nails, discharge of pus, malignant wounds and foreign bodies inside the womb, and of determining the application of surgical instruments, knives, caustics and fire by means of sixty definitions.
- "[The component] named the doctrine of treating body parts above the clavicles has the aim of curing diseases situated above clavicles that is, diseases located in ears, eyes, mouth, nose and so on.
- "[The component] called general medicine has the goal of curing illnesses established in the whole body and [diseases] such as fever, tumour, swelling, hemorrhagic disorders, insanity, epilepsy, urinary diseases, diarrhoea and the like.
- "[The component] called knowledge of spirits is for appeasing demons by pacification rites and making food offerings for those whose minds have been possessed by gods, their enemies, ²⁶ Gandharvas, Yakṣas, demons, deceased ancestors, Piśācas, Vināyakas, ²⁷ Nāgas and evil spirits that possess children.
- "[The component] called care of children is for bearing children and purifying defects in a wet-nurse's milk, and curing diseases that have arisen from bad breast milk and demons.
- "[The component] called the discipline of toxicology is for [knowing] the signs of poison from snake and insect bites and for neutralising various combinations of poisons.²⁸
- "[The component] called the discipline of rejuvenation is maintaining youth, bringing about a long life and mental vigour and for curing diseases.

Dānavas. The insertion marks ($k\bar{a}kapadas$) below the text at this point appears to be by the original scribe.

The vulgate doesn't have *vināyaka*s but does add *asuras*, probably under the influence of Palhaṇa. Cite Paul Courtright, Ganesha book.

²⁸ The scribal insertion marks (crosses) above the line at this point in MS K appear to be in a later hand and their referent is lost in the damaged part of the folio. Although MSS MS Kathmandu NAK 1-1079 and MS Kathmandu NAK 5-333 include spiders ($l\bar{u}t\bar{a}$) and creepy-crawlies ($sar\bar{i}srpa$) in the list, it does seem that MS K had a shorter list, and the vulgate edition adds rodents ($m\bar{u}sika$).

- "[The component] called the discipline of aphrodisiacs brings about the increase, purity, accumulation and production of semen for those whose semen is minimal, bad, depleted, and dry [respectively] and for inducing an erection.
- "Thus, this Āyurveda is taught with eight components."
 "Among these [components], tell us which is for whom."
- 18 They said, "After you have conveyed the knowledge of surgery, teach us everything."
- 19 He said, "so be it."
- They then said, "Having considered the view of all of us, when we are unanimous, Suśruta will question you. We too will learn what is being taught to him."
- 21 He said, "so be it.
- "Now, as is well-known, the aim of Āyurveda is eliminating the disease of one who have been assailed by disease and protecting the healthy; āyurveda is [that knowledge] in which they find a long life, or that by which long life is known. Learn its best component (i.e., surgery), which is being taught in accordance with tradition, perception, inference and analogy.
- "For this component is first, the most important, because it is referred to first; it cures wounds and joins together the most important thing, Yajña's head. For, just as it has been said of old, 'the head that had been cut off by Rudra was joined again by the two Aśvins.'
- "And also, of the eight disciplines of Ayurveda, [surgery] alone is the best because of the quick action of its procedures (*kriyā*), its application of blunt instruments, knives, caustics and fire, and it is common to all disciplines.
- 25 "Therefore, [surgery] is eternal, meritorious, leads to heaven, brings renown, bestows a long life, and affords a livelihood.
- 26 "Brahmā said this, 'Prajāpati learned it. From him, the Aśvins. From the Aśvins, Indra. From Indra, I. In this world, I will transmit to those who desire it for the benefit of people.'
 - [There a verse about this.].²⁹
- For, I (i.e., Brahmā) am Dhanvantari, the first god, the remover of old age, pain and death of mortals.

²⁹ This is an expansion of the scribe's abbreviation *bha* for *bhavati cātra ślokaḥ* "There is a verse about this" (sometimes plural).

Having understood surgery, the best of the great knowledge systems, I arrived on earth again to teach it here.

In this context, as far as this discipline is concerned, a human being (puru
otin a) is called an amalgam of the five elements and the embodied soul. This is where procedures $(kriy \overline{a})$ apply. This is the locus. Why?

Because of the duality of the world, the world is twofold: the stationary and the moving. Its nature ($\bar{a}tmaka$) is twofold, depending on the preponderance of Agni and Soma.³⁰ Alternatively, it can be considered as being fivefold. The multitude of beings in it are fourfold: they are termed "sweat-born, stone-born, caul-born and egg-born".³¹ Where they are concerned, the human being is the main thing; others are his support. Therefore, the human being (puruṣa) is the locus.

Diseases are said to be the conjunction of the person and suffering (duḥ-kha). There are four of them: invasive, bodily, mental and inherent. The invasive ones are caused by an injury. The bodily ones are based on food, caused by irregularities (vaiṣamya) in wind, bile, phlegm and blood.³²

The mental $(m\bar{a}nasa)$ ones, caused by desire $(icch\bar{a})$ and hatred (dveṣa), include: anger (krodha), grief $(\bar{a}śoka)$, misery (dainya), overexcitement (harṣa), lust $(k\bar{a}ma)$, depression $(viṣ\bar{a}da)$, envy $(\bar{v}rṣy\bar{a})$, jealousy $(as\bar{u}y\bar{a})$, malice $(m\bar{a}tsarya)$, and greed (lobha).

The inherent (*svābhāvika*) ones are hunger, thirst, old age, death, sleep and those of the temperament (*prakṛti*).

These too are located (adhiṣṭhāna) in the mind and body.

Scarification (lekhana), nourishment (brmhana), purification (samso-dhana), pacification (samsamana), diet ($\bar{a}h\bar{a}ra$) and regimen ($\bar{a}c\bar{a}ra$), properly employed, bring about their cure.

Furthermore, food is the root $(m\bar{u}la)$ of living beings as well as of strength (bala), complexion (varna) and vital energy (ojas). It depends on $(\bar{a}yatta)$ the six flavours (rasa). Flavours, furthermore, have substances as their substrate $(\bar{a}\acute{s}rayin)$. And substances are remedies $(oṣadh\bar{i}-).^{33}$ There are two types: stationary $(sth\bar{a}vara)$ and moving

³⁰ See Wujastyk 2004.

This fourfold classification of beings is paralleled with closely-related vocabulary in *Bhelasaṃhitā* 4.4.4 (Bhela 2000: 206; Bhela 1921: 81).

³² Note that four humoral substances are assumed here.

³³ Pāṇini 6.3.132 provides that the final vowel of the noun oṣadhi may be lengthened

(jaṅgama).

- Of these, there are four types of stationary ones: fruit trees (*vanaspati*), flowering trees (*vṛkṣa*), herbs (*oṣadhi*) and shrubs (*vīrudh*).³⁴ Amongst these, the "fruit trees" have fruit but no flowers.³⁵ The "flowering trees" have flowers and fruit. The "herbs" die when the fruit is ripe. "Shrubs" put out shoots.
- As is well known, moving remedies are also of four types: those born in in a caul (*jarāyuja*), those born from eggs (*aṇḍaja*), those born of sweat (*svedaja*), and shoots (*udbhid*). Amongst these, those born in a caul include animals (*paśu*), humans, and wild animals (*vyāla*). Birds, creepycrawlies (*sarīṣṛpa*) and snakes are "born of eggs." Worms (*kṛmi*), small insects (*kunta*) and ants (*pipīlika*) and others are born of sweat.³⁶ Shoots include red velvet mites (*indragopa*) and frogs (*maṇḍūka*).³⁷|
- In this context, among the stationary remedies, skin (tvak), leaves (patra), flowers (puṣpa), fruits (phala), roots ($m\bar{u}la$), bulbs (kanda), sap ($kṣ\bar{t}ra$), resin ($niry\bar{a}sa$), essence ($s\bar{a}ra$), oil (sneha), and juice extract (svarasa)³⁸ are useful; among the moving remedies pelt (carman), hair, nails, and blood (rudhira) and so forth.
- 34 And earth products (*pārthiva*) include gold and silver.³⁹
- The items created by time ($k\bar{a}lak\dot{r}ta$) are clusters (samplava) as far as wind and no wind ($niv\bar{a}ta$), heat and shade, darkness and light and the cold, hot and rainy seasons ($vars\bar{a}$) are concerned. The divisions of
 - $(\rightarrow o sadh \bar{\iota})$ under certain conditions. These conditions require that the word be used in a Vedic mantra and not in the nominative. Neither condition is met in this passage, yet the author uses the form $o sadh \bar{\iota}$. This form is in fact not uncommon in medical literature as well as in epics, purānas, smrtis, and other parts of Sanskrit literature.
- 34 Ca.sū.1.71–72 also describes these four types of medicinal plant in similar terms but with slightly differing names: *oṣadhi* is a plant that ends after fruiting, *vīrudh* is a plant that branches out, *vanaspati* is a tree with fruit, and *vānaspatya* is a tree with fruit and flowers.
- 35 The MSS agree in reading *phalavantyaḥ* "having flowers" which is grammatically non-standard. This form is also found in the *Viṣṇudharmottarapurāṇa* (1.92.27, 1.92.27 Viṣṇudh.: 56r).
- 36 The word *kunta*, though marked as "lexical" in most dictionaries, is in fact found in literature, commonly as a compound with *pipīlika*; the compound sometimes seems to be understood a type of ant (*tatpuruṣa* compound) rather than as a pair of insects (*dvandva* compound).
- 37 On *indragopa*, see Lienhard 1978.
- 38 On juice extract (*svarasa*) see CS 1.1.73, 1.4.7; Dalhana on 4.10.12 (Su 1938: 450).
- 39 The flow of concepts in the treatise seems to be interrupted here.

time are the blink of the eye (nimeṣa), a trice ($k\bar{a}ṣṭh\bar{a}$), minutes ($kal\bar{a}$), three-quarters of an hour ($muh\bar{u}rta$), a day and night ($ahor\bar{a}tra$), a fort-night (pakṣa), a month ($m\bar{a}sa$), a season (rtu), a half-year (ayana), a year (samvatsara), and yuga (yuga).

These naturally cause accumulation (*sañcaya*), irritation (*prakopa*), pacification (*upaśama*) and alleviation (*pratīkāra*) of the humours (*doṣa*). And they have practical purposes (*prayojanavat*).

[There are verses about this:]⁴¹

- This fourfold category is taught by physicians as a cause for the agitation and quelling of bodily diseases.⁴²
- There are two kinds of invasive diseases. Some certainly⁴³ affect $(ni\sqrt{pat})$ the mind, others the body. Their treatment $(kriy\bar{a})$ is of two kinds too.
- For those that affect the body there is physical (śārīravad) therapy, whereas for those that affect the mind there is the collection (varga) of desirable sensory experiences like sound that bring comfort (sukha).
- 40 Along these lines (*evam*), this brief explanation of the four factors (*catuṣtaya*) is given:
 - human being (puruṣa),
 - disease (vyadhi),
 - remedies (oṣadhi),
 - the time for therapies (*kriyākāla*).

In this context,

• from the mention of the word "human," the collection of substances that arise from it, such as the elements, and the particulars (*vikalpa*) of its major and minor parts (*aṅga*) such as skin (*tvak*),

⁴⁰ These units are presented at 1.6.5 (Su 1938: 24) and discussed by Hayashi (2017: § 59).

⁴¹ See footnote 29.

⁴² On the topic of the "group of four," the commentator Dalhana considers them to be "food, behaviour, earthen products and items created by time." He refers to the author of the lost commentary entitled \$Pa\tilde{n}jik\tilde{a}\$, and to Jejjaṭa (HIML: IA, 372–3, 192). In his view, these early commentators do not agree that the fourfold grouping (\$caturvarga\$) refers to the quartet of stationary (\$sth\tilde{a}vara\$), moving (\$jangama\$), earthen products (\$p\tilde{a}rthiva\$) and items created by time (\$k\tilde{a}lakrta\$) (Su 1938: 9a).

⁴³ The text uses an archaic interjection here, ha.

- flesh $(m\bar{a}msa)$, ducts $(sir\bar{a})$, sinews $(sn\bar{a}yu)$, bones (asthi) and joints (sandhi) are meant.
- From the mention of "diseases," all diseases caused by wind, bile, phlegm, congested humours (*sannipāta*), external factors (*āgantu*) and inherent factors (*svabhāva*) are intended (*vyākhyāta*).
- From the mention of "remedies," there is the teaching of substances, tastes, potencies, post-digestive tastes.
- From the mention of "procedures $(kriy\bar{a})$," therapies (karman) such as oiling and excision (chedya) are taught.
- From the mention of the word "time," every single teaching about the times for procedures is meant.

[There is a verse about this:]44

- This seed of medicine has been declared in brief. Its explanation will be given in one hundred and twenty chapters.⁴⁵
- There are one hundred and twenty chapters in five sections (*adhyāya*).⁴⁶ In that regard, having divided them, according to their subject matter, into the Ślokasthāna, the Nidāna, the Śārīra, the Cikitsita and the Kalpa, we shall mention this in the Uttaratantra.⁴⁷

[There is a verse about this:]⁴⁸

Someone who reads this eternal proclamation of the King of Kāśī, that was declared by Svayambhu, will have good karma on earth, will be respected by kings and upon death will achieve the world of Śakra.

⁴⁴ See footnote 29.

This is the number of chapters in the first five sections of the work, namely the *Sūtra-, Nidāna-, Śārīra-, Cikitsā-* and *Kalpa-sthānas*. These have 46, 16, 10, 40 and 8 chapters respectively. The *Uttaratantra* has 66 chapters.

⁴⁶ On viṃśa in the sense of "greater by 20" see P.5.2.46 śadantaviṃśateś ca.

⁴⁷ The end of this sentence reads oddly. The vulgate edition adds an object: "[we shall mention] the remaining topics [in the Uttara]" which smooths out the difficulty, but this is supported in none of the Nepalese MSS. At the start of the Uttaratantra (susr-trikamji3) there is indeed a statement that picks up the point about there being 120 chapters.

⁴⁸ See footnote 29.

Sūtrasthāna, adhyāya 13: On Leeches

Literature

Previous scholarship

Meulenbeld offered an annotated overview of this chapter and a bibliography of studies on Indian leeches and their application.⁴⁹

A Persian version of this chapter of the $Su\acute{s}rutasamhit\bar{a}$ was included in $Sikandar~Sh\bar{a}h's~Mine~of~Medicine~(Ma'din~al-shifa'~i~Sikandar-Shah\bar{a}h\bar{\iota})$ composed in 1512 by Miyān Bhūwah b. Khawāṣṣ Khān. 50

More recently, Brooks has explored the sense of touch in relation to leeching and patient-physician interactions.⁵¹

Translation

- 1 And now we shall explain the chapter about leeches.
- The leech is for the benefit of kings, rich people, delicate people, children, the elderly, fearful people and women. It is said to be the most gentle means for letting blood.
- 4 In that context, one should let blood that is corrupted by wind, bile or phlegm with a horn, a leech, or a gourd, respectively. Or, each kind can be be made to flow by any of them in their particular way.⁵²
- 5x And there are the following about this:

There is an insertion in the text, printed in parentheses in the vulgate at 1.13.4 (Su 1938: 55) as विशेषतस्तु विस्राव्यं शृङ्गजलोकालानुभिगृह्णीयात्. This insertion is not included in the earlier edition of the vulgate, but is replaced by स्निग्धशीतरूक्षत्वात् (Su 1931: 54). Dalhaṇa noted that, "this reading is discussed to some extent by some compilers (नि-वन्यकार), but it is definitely rejected by most of them, including Jejjhaṭa."

⁴⁹ HIML: IA, 209; IB, 324, n. 131.

⁵⁰ Siddiqi 1959: 96–109; Azeez Pasha 1971; Storey 1971: 231–232; HIML: IB, 324, n. 128; Speziale 2019: 8–9.

⁵¹ Brooks 2020*a,b,c*.

⁵² This sentence is hard to construe grammatically, although its meaning seems clear. In place of विशेषस्त, Cakrapāṇidatta and Dalhaṇa both read विशेषतस, which helps interpretation (Su 1939: 95, Su 1938: 55). It is notworthy that the critical syllable स्तु is smudged or corrected in both MS Kathmandu NAK 1-1079 and in 1-1146, a much later Devanāgarī manuscript.

- 1.13.5 The horn of cows is praised for being unctuous, smooth, and very sweet. Therefore, when wind is troubled, that is good for bloodletting.⁵³
- 1.13.5a Having a length of seven fingers and a large body the shape of a half moon, should first be placed into a cut. A strong person should suck with the mouth.⁵⁴
 - 6 A leech lives in the cold, is sweet and is born in the water. So when someone is afflicted by bile, they are suitable for bloodletting.⁵⁵
 - 7 A gourd is well known for being pungent, dry and sharp. So when someone is afficted by phlegm it is suitable for bloodletting.
 - 8 In that context, at the scarified location one should let blood using a horn wrapped in a covering of a thin bladder, or with a gourd with a flame inside it because of the suction.⁵⁶
 - 9 Leeches are called "jala-ayu-ka" because water (jala) is their life (āyur).⁵⁷ "Home" (okas) means "dwelling;" their home is water, so they are called "water-dwellers (jalaukas)."
 - There are twelve of them: six are venomous and just the same number are non-venomous.
 - 11 Here is an explanation of the venomous ones, together with the therapy:
 - Black (kṛṣṇā)
 - Mottled (karburā)
 - Sting-gush (alagarddā)⁵⁸

⁵³ The vulgate replaced "smooth" with "hot."

This passage is not found in the vulgate, but it is similar to the passage cited by Palhaṇa at 1.13.8 (Su 1938: 56) and attributed to Bhāluki. Bhāluki was the author of a *Bhālukitantra* that may have predated Jejjaṭa and might even have been one of the sources for the *Suśrutasaṇhitā* (HIML: v. IA, 689–690 *et passim*). The editor Ācārya was aware of this reading in the Nepalese manuscripts; see his note 4 on 1.13.5 (Su 1938: 55, note 4).

Note that the particular qualities (*guṇas*) of the leech in this and the following verses counteract the quality of the affliction. See Brooks 2018: 113, table 1.

There are questions about the wrapping or covering of the horn. Other versions of the text, and the commentator, propose that there may be two coverings, or that cloth may be a constituent. Comparison with contemporary horn-bloodletting practice by traditional Sudanese healers suggests that a covering over the top hole in the horn is desirable when sucking, to prevent the patient's blood entering the mouth (PBS 2020). Our understanding of this verse is that the bladder material is used to cover the mouthpiece and then to block it, in order to preserve suction in the horn for a few minutes while the blood is let.

⁵⁷ This is a folk etymology.

⁵⁸ Treating गर्दो as गल्दा and translating as in RV 8.1.20, with Jamison and Brereton

- Rainbow (*indrāyudhā*)
- Oceanic (*sāmudrikā*)
- Cow-praising (*govandanā*)⁵⁹

Amongst these,

- The one called a Black is the colour of kohl and has a broad head;
- The one called Mottled is like the Indian mottled eel, long with a segmented (*chinna*), humped belly.
- The one called Sting-gush is hairy, has large sides and a black mouth.
- The one called Rainbow is coloured like a rainbow, with vertical stripes.
- The one called Oceanic is slightly blackish-yellow, and is covered with variegated flower patterns.
- The one called Govandana is like a cow's testicles, having a bifurcated form on the lower side, and a tiny mouth.

When someone is bitten by them, the symptoms are: a swelling at the site of the bite, excessive itching and fainting, fever, a temperature, and vomiting. In that context the Great Antidote ($mah\bar{a}gada$) should be applied in drinks and liniments ($\bar{a}lepana$), etc.⁶⁰ A bite by the Rainbow leech is not treatable. These venomous ones have been explained together with their remedies.

- 12 Now the ones without venom.⁶¹
 - Tawny (*kapilā*)
 - Ruddy (pingalā)
 - Dart-mouth (*śańkumukhī*)
 - Mouse (*mūsikā*)
 - Lotus-mouth (puṇḍarīkamukhī)
 - Sāvarikā (*sāvarikā*)

Amongst these,

(2014: 1023, verse 20 and cf. commentary). But if गर्द is to be taken from $\sqrt{\eta \dot{\xi}}$ then we might have "crying from the sting."

⁵⁹ The manuscripts all read गोवन्दना against the vulgate's गोचन्दना.

⁶⁰ The "Great Antidote" is described in the Kalpasthāna, at 5.5.61–63ab (Su 1938: 578). Palhaṇa and the vulgate included errhines in the list of therapies, and Palhaṇa added that "etc." indicated showers and baths too.

The translations of the names of these leeches are slightly whimsical, but give a sense of the original; *sāvarikā* remains etymologically puzzling.

- The one called Tawny has sides that look as if they are dyed with realgar and is the colour of glossy mung beans on the back. 62
- The one called Ruddy is a bit red, has a round body, is yellowish, and moves fast.
- The one called Dart-mouth is the colour of liver, drinks fast and has a long mouth.
- The one called Mouse is the colour and shape of a mouse and has an undesirable smell.
- The one called Lotus is the colour of mung beans and has a mouth that looks like a lotus.
- The one called Sāvarikā has the colour of a lotus leaf and is eighteen centimetres long. But that one is used when the purpose is an animal.

The non-venomous ones have been explained.

13 Their lands are Yavana, Pāṇḍya, Sahya, Potana and so on.⁶³ Those in

Some scholars have identified the name with modern Bodhan in Telangana (Sircar 1971: 189; Schwartzberg, Bajpai, et al. 1978: E6, p. 14, 140 *et passim*; Sen 1988: 102), but this implausible identification is traceable to a speculative suggestion by Raychaudhuri (1953: 89, n. 5, 143) based on a variant form "Podana" found in some early manuscripts of the *Mahābhārata*: "This name reminds one of Bodhan in the Nizam's dominions," "possibly to be identified with Bodhan."

Dalhaṇa on 1.13.13 (Su 1938: 57) anachronistically identified "Yavana" as the land of the Turks (京村) and "Pautana" as the Mathurā region. He also noted, as did Cakrapāṇidatta (Su 1939: 97), that this passage was not included by some authorities on the grounds that the habitats of poisonous and non-poisonous creatures are defined by

⁶² The compound स्निग्धमुद्भवण्णों is supported by all the manuscript witnesses and is translated here. Nevertheless, the reading of the vulgate, that separates स्निग्धा, f., "slimy" as an adjective for the leech, seems more plausible: "it is slimy and the colour of a mung bean."

This passage is discussed by Karttunen (2015: 109–110, 388–389). At the time of the composition of the *Suśrutasaṃhitā*, Yavana would most likely have referred the Hellenistic Greek diaspora communities in Bactria and India (Law 1984: 136–137; Mairs 2013; 2014). Unproblematically, the Pāṇḍya country is the extreme south-eastern tip of the Indian subcontinent (Schwartzberg, Bajpai, et al. 1978: E8, p. 20 *et passim*), and Sahya refers to the Western Ghats (Schwartzberg, Bajpai, et al. 1978: D5–7, p. 20 *et passim*). The vulgate reading "Pautana" is not a known toponymn. Potana was the ancient capital of the Aśmaka Mahājanapada mentioned in Pali sources and in inscriptions at Ajāntā and elsewhere, and identified by Law (1984: 142, 179) and P. Gupta (1989: 18) with Pratiṣṭhāna, modern Paithan on the Godavari river. The recurring ancient epithet describing the Aśmaka kingdom is that it was on the Godāvarī, and Paithan is flanked to the south west and south east by this river.

- particular have large bodies and are strong, they drink rapidly, consume a lot, and are without venom.
- In that context, the venomous leeches are those originating in decomposing venomous insects, frogs, urine, feces and in polluted water. The , non-venomous ones originate in decomposing sacred lotus, blue water-lily, white water-lily, fragrant lotus, pondweed and in pure waters.
- 15 There is a verse on this:

These ones move about in sweet-smelling habitats that are abundant with water. Traditionally, they do not behave in a confused manner or lie in the mud.⁶⁵

- 16 They can be caught with a fresh hide or after being caught in other ways. 66
- Then these should be put into a large new pot furnished with mud and the water from lakes or wells. One should provide what they need to eat. One should grind up pondweed, dried meat, and aquatic tubers, and one should give them grass and aquatic leaves to lie on, and every three days water and food. Every week, one should transfer them into a different pot.
- 18 And on this:

One should not nurture those that are thick in the middle, that are

other criteria.

⁶⁴ The vulgate on 4.13.14 (Su 1938: 57) includes fish in this list.

⁶⁵ Dalhaṇa on 1.13.14 (Su 1938: 57) discussed why the leeches would not "behave in a confused manner" (सङ्कीर्णचारिन), saying that they do not "eat a diet that is unwholesome because of poison etc." (विषादिवरुद्धाहारभुजः). The use of विरुद्ध is odd here, but cf. Dalhaṇa's suggestion at 4.23.4 (Su 1938: 485) that विरुद्ध refers to the chapter on wholesome and unwholesome foods (हिताहिताध्याय, 1.20 (Su 1938: 94–99)).

^{66 &}quot;Fresh hide" (आर्द्रचर्मन) may suggest that the animal skin still includes meat or blood that is attractive to a leech.

The Nepalese witnesses all read गृहीत्वा "having (been) caught" for the vulgate's गृह्णीयात् "one may grasp (by other means)." This is hard to construe clearly.

Dalhaṇa on 1.13.15 (Su 1938: 57) quoted "another treatise" (तन्त्रान्तरवचनात) that said that autumn is the time to collect leeches. He also explained that "other methods" of collecting leeches included smearing a leg or other limb with cream, butter or milk, etc., or using a piece of flesh from a freshly killed animal.

injured, ⁶⁷ *or thin*, *those that are not born in the proper habitat, those that will not hold on, who drink little or those that are venomous.*

19 First of all, get the patient who has an ailment that is treatable by leech-bloodletting to sit or lie down. Then, dry any site that has a wound with powders of earth and cow-dung. Then make them free from impurities, with their limbs smeared with Indian mustard and turmeric and moving about in the middle of a cup of water. After all this, make them grip the ailment. Now, if they do not grip, add a drop of milk or a drop of blood. Alternatively, make incisions. Or, if

⁶⁷ Pace Palhaṇa on 1.13.18 (Su 1938: 57) who glosses अमनोज्ञदर्शन as "nasty looking."

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EWA Mayrhofer, Manfred (1986–2001), Etymologisches Wörterbuch des Altindoarischen (Heidelberg: Carl Winter, Universitätsverlag), ISBN: 3-533-03826-2.

HIML Meulenbeld, Gerrit Jan (1999–2002), A History of Indian Medical Literature, 5 vols. (Groningen: E. Forsten), ISBN: 9069801248.

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KEWA Mayrhofer, Manfred (1953–72), Kurzgefaßtes etymologisches Wörterbuch des Altindoarischen; a Concise Etymological Sanskrit Dictionary (Heidelberg: Carl Winter, Universitätsverlag).

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मधुकोशाख्यव्याख्यया, श्रीवाचस्पतिवैद्यविरचितया आतङ्कदर्पणव्याख्याया
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NGMCP

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RORI

Rajasthan Oriental Research Institute.

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amaranth (*taṇḍulīyaka*) Amaranthus hypochondriacus, L. See King 321, NK: v. 1, #144, Potter_{rev}: 15. Cf.

AVS: v. 1, 121, 32

axlewood (*dhava*) Anogeissus latifolia (Roxb. ex DC.) Wall. ex Guill & Perr.

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See AVS: v. 1, 163 f, Chopra: 20, 51
bamboo leaves (venupatrikā) Bambusa
   bambos, Druce. See NK: v. 1, #307, 32
beautyberry (priyangu) \leftarrow śyāmā.
   Callicarpa macrophylla, Vahl. See
   AVS: v. 1, 334, NK: v. 1, #420. Some say
   also Setaria italica Beauv.
   GVDB: 263-264. See also GVDB: 413,
   48, 52
beautyberry (śyāmā) Callicarpa
   macrophylla, Vahl. See AVS: v. 1, 334,
   NK: v. 1, #420, 30, 32
beggarweed (amśumatī) Desmodium
   gangeticum (L.) DC
   (Dymock: v. 1, 428, GJM1: 602, NK: v. 1,
   #1192; ADPS: 382, 414 and
   AVS: v. 2, 319, 4.366 are confusing), 48
beggarweed (vid\bar{a}rigandh\bar{a}) \rightarrow \dot{s}\bar{a}laparn\bar{\imath}.
   Desmodium gangeticum (L.) DC. See
   Dymock: v. 1, 428, GJM1: 602, cf.
   NK: v. 1, #1192; ADPS: 382, 414 and
   AVS: v. 2, 319, 4.366 are confusing, 31
black creeper (p\bar{a}lind\bar{\iota}) Ichnocarpus
   frutescens, (L.) R.Br. or Cryptolepis
   buchanani, Roemer & Schultes. See
   AVS: v. 3, 141, 3.145, 3.203, NK: v. 1,
   #1283, 1210, ADPS: 434, 32, 35, 47, 48
blackboard tree (saptachada) Alstonia
   scholaris R. Br. GVDB: 420, 31
blackbuck (harina) Antilope cervicapra, L.
   See BIA: 270 IW: 95, 165, et passim, 35
blue water-lily (utpala) Nymphaea
   stellata, Willd. See GJM1: 528, IGP 790;
   Dutt: 110, NK: v. 1, #1726, 25, 30, 47, 48
cardamom (elā) Elettaria cardamomum,
   Maton. See AVS: v. 2, 360, NK: v. 1,
   #924, Potter<sub>rev</sub>: 66, 48, 52
cassia cinnamon (patra) Cinnamomum
   tamala, (Buch.-Ham.) Nees. See
   AVS: v. 2, 84, NK: v. 1, #589, 32, 48
castor oil tree (gandharvahasta) \rightarrow eranda.
   GVDB: 135, K&B: v. 3, 2277, 28
castor-oil (eranda) Ricinus communis, L.
   See NK: v. 1, #2145, Chopra: 214, 33
certain minerals (tārāvitāra) Unknown. It
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is not even certain that these are
  minerals. The variant reading in the
  vulgate, tārah sutārah was glossed by
  Dalhana on 5.3.14 (Su 1938: 568) as
  follows tāro rūpyam, sutārah pāradah,
  "tāra means silver; sutāra means
  mercury.", 52
chebulic myrobalan (harītakī) Terminalia
  chebula Retz. GVDB: 466, 31
cherry (elavālu) Prunus cerasus, L.?. See
  BVDB 58, NK: v. 1, #2037, GVDB: 58, 48
chital deer (prṣata) Axis axis, Erxleben.
  See BIA: 292, IW: 93, 35
cobra's saffron (n\bar{a}gapuspa) \rightarrow n\bar{a}gakeśara.
  Mesua ferrea, L. See NK: v. 1, #1595,
  GVDB: 220, 48
corky coral tree (pāribhadra) Erythrina
  suberosa Roxb. See GVDB 245, 51
costus (kustha) Saussurea costus, Clarke.
  See NK: v. 1, #2239, 32, 48, 52
country mallow (atibalā) Abutilon
  indicum, (L.) Sweet, but may be other
  kinds of mallow, e.g., Sida rhombifolia,
  L.. See NK: v. 1, #11, IGP: 1080, NK: v. 1,
  #2300, ADPS: 71, 77, 31
country sarsaparilla (anantā)
  Hemidesmus indicus, (L.) R. Br. See
  ADPS: 434, AVS: v. 3, 141-5, NK: v. 1,
  #1210. But see GVDB: 13 for
  complications that may suggest that it
  is to be equated with sārivā, which may
  sometimes be Cryptolepis or
  Ichnocarpus fruitescens R. Rr.
   (GVDB: 429-431), 31, 37, 47, 48, 51
crape jasmine (nata) \rightarrow crape jasmine
  GVDB: 215, 107, 109
crape jasmine (tagara) Tabernaemontana
  divaricata (L.) R.Br. ex Roem. &
  Schultes. See GJM1: 557, AVS: v. 5, 232.
  Synonym of crape jasmine. But some
  say Valeriana jatamansi, Jones See
  GVDB: 173-174 for discussion (and
  charming comments on brain liquid
  testing). Some say tagara is Indian
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rose-bay or Indian valerian, but there

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remain many historical questions about the ancient and regional identities of this plant See, e.g., AVS: v. 5, 334, 32, 48, 107, 109
crimson trumpet-flower tree (pāṭalā)
Stereospermum chelonides, (L. f.) A.
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- Stereospermum chelonides, (L. f.) A. DC. See GJM1: 573, AVS: v. 5, 192 ff, ADPS: 362 f, AVS: v. 3, 1848 f, IGP 1120, Dymock: v. 3, 20 ff, 51
- cuscus grass (*uśīra*) Andropogon murcatus, Retz. Also "vetiver grass." See NK: v. 1, #180, 32
- datura (*dhattūra*) Datura metel, L. See AVS: v. 2, 305 (cf. *Abhidhānamañjarī*), NK: v. 1, #796 ff. Potter_{rev}: 292 f, ADPS: 132, 28
- decanted liquor (surāmaṇḍa) K&B: v. 2, 502, NK: v. 2, appendix VI, #40, 30
- deodar (*bhadradāru*) Cedrus deodara, (Roxb.ex D.Don) G. Don. See AVS 41, NK: v. 1, #516, 48
- dried meat (*vallūra*) MW: 929, AyMahā: v. 1, 730. The term is used, rarely, in both the CS (1.5.10) and SS (1.13. 16, 6.42.75–76). It is a Dravidian loanword and occurs in the *Arthaśāstra* etc. (KEWA: v. 3, 167), 25
- elixir salve ($ras\bar{a}\tilde{n}jana$) $\rightarrow a\tilde{n}jana$. See Indian barberry, 33
- embelia ($vi\dot{q}a\dot{n}ga$) Embelia ribes, Burm. f. See ADPS: 507, AVS: v. 2, 368, NK: v. 1, #929, Potter_{rev}: 113, 48
- emetic nut (*madana*) Randia dumetorum, Lamk. See NK: v. 1, #2091, 30
- false daisy (*subhaṅgurā*) (su)bhaṅgura = bhṛṅga? Eclipta prostrata (L.) L. See GVDB: 288, 37
- fermented rice-water ($dh\bar{a}ny\bar{a}mla$) $\rightarrow k\bar{a}\tilde{n}j\bar{\imath}$, $k\bar{a}\tilde{n}jik\bar{a}$, $sauv\bar{\imath}ra$. GVDB: 458, NK: v. 2, appendix VI, #18, 30
- fern (*ajaruhā*) Nephrodium species GVDB: 7, uncertain. Perhbaps Christella dentata(Forssk.) Brownsey & Jermy, which is reported to have folk

- applications against skin diseases in India, 34
- fire-flame bush (*dhātakī*) Woodfordia fruticosa (L.) Kurz. See AVS: v. 5, 412, NK: v. 1, #2626, 31
- fragrant lotus (saugandhika) A type of kumuda or utpala (GVDB: 457), 25
- garjan oil tree (aśvakarṇa) Dipterocarpus turbinatus Gaertn. f. See GVDB: 28, Chopra: 100, 51
- giant potato (*kṣīravidārī*) possibly → kṣīraśukla. Ipmoea mauritiana, Jacq. See ADPS: 510, AVS: v. 3, 222, AVS: v. 3, 1717 ff, 109–111
- ginger (*mahauṣadha*) Zingiber officinale, Roscoe. See ADPS: 50, NK: v. 1, #2658, IGP: 1232, 35
- gold (hema) gold, 48
- gold and sarsaparilla (*surendragopa*)
 Unknown. Dalhaṇa on 5.3.15
 (Su 1938: 568) glossed *surendra* as
 "gold" and *gopā* as "Indian
 sarsaparilla." He also noted other
 opinions that *surendra* was "Tellicherry
 bark", 52
- golden shower tree (*rājadruma*) rājadruma = āragvadha. Cassia fistula L. See GVDB 37, 51
- gourd (alābu) Lagenaria siceraria Standl. GVDB: 25. Some say Lagenaria vulgaris, Seringe (NK: v. 1, #1419) but this is not appropriate for blood-letting, 21, 22, 31
- heart-leaf sida (*balā*) Sida cordifolia, Linn. See ADPS: 71, NK: v. 1, #2297, 31, 48
- heart-leaved moonseed (*amṛtā*) → *guḍūcī*. Tinospora cordifolia, (Willd.) Hook.f. & Thoms.?. See ADPS: 38, NK: v. 1, #2472, 624, Dastur #229, 32, 47
- heart-leaved moonseed (somavallī)
 Tinospora cordifolia (Thunb.) Miers.
 GVDB: 456. Likely, but uncertain, 32
- henna (*madayantikā*) Lawsonia inermis, L. See AVS: v. 3, 303, NK: v. 1, #1448, Potter_{rev}: 151, 33

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Podophyllum emodi, Wall.
   (NK: #1971). But perhaps a synonm of
   crape jasmine and crape jasmine
   (GVDB: 354), 52
Himalayan monkshood (ativisā)
   Aconitum heterophyllum Wall.
   GVDB: 12, NK: v. 1, #39. Also "atis
   roots", 33, 35, 52
hogweed (punarnavā) Boerhaavia diffusa,
   L. See ADPS: 387, AVS: v. 1, 281,
   NK: v. 1, #363, 33, 47
Holostemma creeper (j\bar{\imath}vant\bar{\imath}) \rightarrow
   sūryavallī? Holostemma ada-kodien,
   Schultes. See ADPS: 195, AVS: v. 3, 167,
   NK: v. 1, #1242, AVS: v. 3, 1619, 110
horned pondweed (śaivāla) also śaivāla,
   śevāra. Zannichellia palustris L. The
   uncertainties of this identification are
   discussed by Singh and Chunekar
   (GVDB: 409). Sometimes identified
   with scutch grass (d\bar{u}rv\bar{a}) (GVDB: 409).
   Identified as Ceratophyllum demersum
   Linn. ("hornwort") by
   AVS: v. 2, 56-57x, 109, 111
hornwort (jalaśūka) \leftarrow jalanīlikā.
   Ceratophyllum demersum, L. See
   AVS: v. 2, 56, IGP: 232. Singh and
   Chunekar (GVDB: 166) suggest horned
   pondweed. Dalhana noted on 1.16.19
   (Su 1938: 79) that some people
   interpret it as a poisonous, hairy,
   air-breathing, underwater creature, 31
Indian barberry (a\tilde{n}jana) \rightarrow ras\bar{a}\tilde{n}jana,
   dāruharidrā. Berberis aristata, DC.
   Dymock: v. 1, 65, NK: v. 1, #335,
   GJM1: 562, IGP: 141, 33, 34, 108
Indian barberry (dāruharidrā) Berberis
   aristata, DC. See Dymock: v. 1, 65,
   NK: v. 1, #685, GJM1: 562, IGP 141,
   47, 48
Indian barberry (k\bar{a}l\bar{\imath}yaka) \rightarrow d\bar{a}ruharidr\bar{a},
   añjana. Berberis aristata, DC. See
   Dymock: v. 1, 65, NK: v. 1, #685,
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GJM1: 562, IGP: 141, 32

Himalayan mayapple (vakra)

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Indian ipecac (payasyā) Uncertain.
   Possibly Tylophora indica (Burm.f.)
   Merr. Perhaps a synonym of panacea
   twiner, giant potato, purple roscoea,
   and plants like asthma plant and Gulf
   sandmat (GVDB: 237-238). Also
   "curds" when not a plant, 31, 110
Indian kudzu (vid\bar{a}r\bar{t}) \rightarrow payasy\bar{a}. Pueraria
   tuberosa (Willd.) DC. See ADPS: 510,
   AVS: v. 1, 792 f, AVS: v. 4, 391; not
   Dymock: v. 1, 424 f. See GJM2: 444, 451,
   AVS: v. 1, 187, but AVS: v. 3, 1719 =
   Ipmoea mauritiana, Jacq, 31
Indian madder (mañjiṣṭhā) Rubia
   cordifolia, L. See IGP, Chopra: 215,
   GVDB: 289, 28, 48
Indian mottled eel (varmimatsya) Almost
   certainly the mottled eel. MW: 962c
   noted that the varmi fish "is commonly
   called vāmi." The "vam fish," or "বান
   মাছ (bān māch)" in Bengal, is a marine
   and freshwater eel, Anguilla bengalensis.
   It is the most common eel in Indian
   inland waters and a prized food fish
   (Froese and Pauly 2022). However,
   some NIA languages identify the
   "vam" fish with the Indian Pike
   Conger, Congresox talabonides (Bleeker)
   (Talwar and Kacker 1984: 235, 236), 23
Indian mustard (sarṣapa) Brassica juncea,
   Czern. & Coss. See AVS: v. 1, 301,
   NK: v. 1, #378, 26
Indian sarsaparilla (s\bar{a}riv\bar{a}) \rightarrow anant\bar{a}.
   Hemidesmus indicus, (L.) R. Br.
   ADPS: 434, AVS: v. 3, 141-5, NK: v. 1,
   #1210; and black creeper, pālindī.
   Ichnocarpus frutescens, (L.) R.Br. or
   Cryptolepis buchanani, Roemer &
   Schultes AVS: v. 3, 141, 3.145, 3.203,
   NK: v. 1, #1283, 1210, ADPS: 434, 47,
   48, 108
jambul (jambū) Syzygium cumini, (L.)
   Skeels. See ADPS: 188, NK: v. 1, #967,
   Potter<sub>rev</sub>: 168, Wujastyk 2003a, 31
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jasmine (*mālatī*) Jasminium grandiflorum,

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L. See NK: v. 1, #1364, 32
jequirity (guñjā) Abrus precatorius, L. See
   AVS: v. 1, 10, NK: v. 1, #6, Potter<sub>rev</sub>: 168,
lac (lāksā) Kerria lacca (Kerr.). See
   GJM1: 445, NK: v. 2, #32. Watt
   (1908: 1053–1066) is characteristically
   informative, and is definite about the
   antiquity of lac in India, 52
liquorice (?) (klītaka) Glycyrrhiza glabra,
   L.? GVDB: 123–124 discuss the many
   difficulties in identifying this plant, 37
liquorice (madhuka) see yaṣṭīmadhuka, 31,
   35, 46, 48
liquorice (yaṣṭīmadhuka) Glycyrrhiza
   glabra, L. AVS: v. 3, 84, NK: v. 1, #1136,
   GVDB: 329 f., 33
lodh tree (lodhra) Symplocos racemosa,
   Roxb. See GJM1: 597, ADPS: 279 f,
   NK: v. 1, #2420. Singh and Chunekar
   (GVDB: 351-352) notes that there are
   two varieties, S. racemosa, qualified as
   śāvara, and S. crataegoides Buch.-Ham.
   for pattikā lodhra, 48
long pepper (māgadha) Piper longum, L.
   See NK: v. 1, #1928; but cf.
   AVS: v. 3, 245, 34
long pepper (pippalī) Piper longum, L. See
   ADPS: 374, NK: v. 1, #1928, 35, 48
luffa (kos\bar{\imath}tak\bar{\imath}) = kos\bar{\imath}tak\bar{\imath}. Luffa cylindrica,
   (L.) M. J. Roem. or L. acutangula, (L.)
   Roxb. ADPS: 252-253, NK: v. 1, #1514
   etc. GVDB: 121, 31, 47, 110
luffa gourd (kośavat\bar{\imath}) = kos\bar{\imath}tak\bar{\imath}, luffa, 47
mango (āmra) Mangifera indica Linn.
   GVDB: 37, 31
marking-nut tree (bhallātaka) Semecarpus
   anacarium, L. See NK: v. 1, #2269,
   AVS: v. 5, 98, 34
medhshingi (vijayā2) Dolichandrone
   falcata (DC.) The Sauśrutanighanţu
   gives a number of synonyms for vijayā
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(Suvedī and Tīvārī 2000: 5.77, 10.143).

meṣaśṛṅgī), is sometimes equated with

But one of them, *viṣānī* (also

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Dolichandrone falcata (DC.) Seemann
   (ADPS: 518; GVDB: 373 f, a plant used
   as an abortifacient and fish poison
   (NK: #862), 37
migraine tree (agnimantha) Premna
   corymbosa, Rottl. See AVS 1927,
   ADPS: 21, NK: v. 1, #2025,
   AVS: v. 4, 348; GJM1: 523: = P.
   integrifolia/serratifolia, L, 47
milk-white (kṣīraśuklā) An unidentified
   plant. GVDB: 126: see purple roscoea
   and giant potato, 31, 111
monitor lizard (godhā) Varanus
   bengalensis, Schneider. See
   Reptiles: 58, 31, 35
mung beans (māṣaka) Phaseolus mungo
   Linn. GVDB: 308, 32
myrobalan (abhayā) Terminalia chebula,
   Retz. See ADPS: 172, NK: v. 1, #2451,
   Potter<sub>rev</sub>: 214, 47, 52
natron (suvarcikā) Sodium carbonate.
   NK: v. 2, #45. Dalhana identifies
   suvarcikā with svarjikṣāra 4.8.50
   (Su 1938: 441), 48
neem tree (nimba) Azadirachta indica A.
   Juss. GVDB: 226, 28
nutgrass (kuruvinda) Unknown. Dalhana
   on 5.3.15 (Su 1938: 568) glossed the
   term as nutgrass, but noted other
   opinions that it was a whetstone or a
   very special metallic gem. Singh and
   Chunekar (GVDB: 108) added that it
   could be a variety of rice, sastika dhānya,
nutgrass (mustā) Cyperus rotundus, L.
   See ADPS: 316, AVS: v. 2, 296, NK: v. 1,
   #782, 110
panacea twiner (arkapusp\bar{\imath}) \rightarrow arkaparn\bar{\imath},
   Tylophora indica (Burm. f.) Merr.
   GVDB: 23–24. Maybe identical to
   Indian ipecac, giant potato and similar
   sweet, milky plants. See GVDB: 24, 127,
   238, 441, 443 for discussion. For
   discussion in the context of
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Holostemma creeper, see ADPS: 195

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and AVS: v. 3, 171. The etymology of
                                                 notes that many physicians use Roscoea
   the name suggests Helianthus annus
                                                 procera Wall. in this context. But the
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                                                 connected to milk-white or giant
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                                                 AVS: v. 2, 285, NK: v. 1, #177, 48
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                                                 Gaertn. See NK: v. 1, #1698, 25, 32
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                                              sage-leaved alangium (ankolla) Alangium
  Linn. (asthma plant) and E.
                                                 salvifolium (Linn. f.) Wang.
  microphylla Heyne (Gulf sandmat)
                                                 GVDB: 5-6, 31
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                                                 phoenicea, L. NK: #1836, GVDB: 268, 33
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