A Translation of the New Edition of the Suśrutasaṃhitā

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Sūtrasthāna, adhyāya 13: On Leeches

Literature

HIML: IA, 209.

- 1 And now we shall explain the chapter about leeches.
- 3 The leech is for the benefit of kings, rich people, delicate people, children, the elderly, nervous people and women. It is said to be the most gentle means for letting blood.

Kalpasthāna, adhyāya 3

Introduction

Translation

- 1 And now we shall explain the rule (*kalpa*) that is the required knowledge about mobile poisons.¹⁵⁰
- The full explanation about the sixteen carriers (*adhiṣṭhāna*) of the mobile poisons, that have been mentioned by me in brief, will be stated. ¹⁵¹
- 4 In that context, they are: 152
 - gaze and breath,
 - teeth, nails, and bites
 - urine and faeces,
 - menstrual blood,
 - semen,
 - tail,
 - contact with saliva,
 - nipping with the mouth (mu-
- 5 In that context,

khasamdamśā),

- fart (avaśardhita),¹⁵³
- anus, 154
- bones,
- bile,
- bristles ($\sin ka$), and
- corpses.

location of the poison	creatures ¹⁵⁵
in their breath and	divine snakes
gaze in their fangs	the ones on earth ¹⁵⁶

¹⁵⁰ In contrast to stationary, plant poisons. No reference is made to Dhanvantari (see Birch, Wujastyk, Klebanov, Parameswaran, et al. 2021).

^{151 &}quot;Carrier" for base, foundation (*adhiṣṭhāna*) aims to capture the idea that the author will describe the creatures in which poisons inhere.

¹⁵² The content of this section is presented as a table, for clarity for the contemporary reader and mindful of the theoretical issues surrounding notational variation, including the "symbolic rewriting" and the modification of "expressive capacities" discussed by Sarukkai (2016: 321 ff). For further discussion, see Wujastyk 2021a: 81–83.

¹⁵³ This interpretation comes from Dalhana on 5.3.4 (Su 1938: 567), but he reads विशिध्त.

¹⁵⁴ Dalhana on 5.3.4 (Su 1938: 567) noted this reading.

¹⁵⁵ Many of these names are mere dubious placeholders.

¹⁵⁶ Palhaṇa on 5.3.5 (Su 1938: 567) cited the otherwise unknown authority Sāvitra on the topic of poisonous snakes (HIML: v. ???, ???).

location of the poison	creatures
in their nails, mouths and fangs	cats, dogs, monkeys, men $(nara)$, 157 crocodiles, frogs, 'cook-fish' $(p\bar{a}kamatsya)$, 158 monitor lizards, cone snails $(\hat{s}amb\bar{u}ka)$, 'poisonous snakes' $(pracal\bar{a}ka)$, 159 geckos $(grhagodik\bar{a})$, 160 four-footed insects and others
in their urine and faeces	lice (kiṭipa), 'flat insects' (picciṭā), 'orange-dwellers' (kaṣāyavāsika), 'pepper snakes' (sarṣapaka), 'angry beetles' (toṭaka), dung beetles (varcaḥkīṭa), and 'pot insects' (kauṇḍinya)
in their semen	mice
in their stings (śūla)	scorpions, 'earth scorpions' (viśvambhara), wasps (varaki), 161 fish, crabs (ucciṭiṅga), and 'wing-scorpions' (patravṛścika)
in their saliva, nails, urine, feces, blood, semen and fangs	spiders
in the bites of their mouths	flies, wasps (kaṇabha) and leeches
in the bites of their mouths, in their fangs, faces, †, farts, anuses and feces	'speckle-heads' (citraśīrṣa), 'lids' (śārava), 'bellied' (kukṣita), 'wood-enemies' (dārukāri), 'liquors' (medaka), and 'darts' (śārikā).

¹⁵⁷ Probably dittography from the previous word, monkey ($v\bar{a}nara$). But it is supported in both Nepalese witnesses, so it must go back to an earlier exemplar.

¹⁵⁸ MS KL 699 separates the words पाक and मत्स्य with a daṇḍa, indicating that the scribe thought they were separate terms. Dalhaṇa thought this was a kind of fiery insect (5.3.5 (Su 1938: 567)).

¹⁵⁹ *Arthaśāstra* 14.1.14, 23 (Olivelle 2013: 448), where it might also be a chameleon, but the latter are not venomous.

¹⁶⁰ The scribe of MS NAK 5-333 noted in the margin that some of his sources read गल-गोंडिका, which is the name of a snake known also in the *Carakasaṃhitā* and elsewhere in literature. Hemacandra's *Abhidhānacintāmaṇi* (4.364) mentions that गृहगोंधिका and गृहगोंिकका are synonyms (Rādhākāntā Deva 1876: 691a, sub māṇikyā).

¹⁶¹ वरटी is a wasp; वरिक in the Nepalese MSS may be an alternant of this word. Dalhana on 5.3.5 (Su 1938: 568) remarked that some interpreted वरिकमत्स्य as two items, "wasp and fish," others as a single one, "wasp-fish."

Table 2: Passage 5, expressed in tabular format.

- 6 The enemies of the king pollute the waters, roads and foodstuffs in enemy territory. The experienced physician, who has learned how to purify things, should clean up those polluted things.
- 7 Polluted water is slimy and smells of tears. 162 It is covered with froth and covered with streaks. The frogs and fish die, the birds are crazed and, along with the wetland creatures, they wander about aimlessly.
- Men, horses and elephants who swim in it experience vomiting, delusion, fever, swelling and sharp pains. He should try to purify that polluted water, after curing their ailments.
- 9 And so, he should burn axlewood and garjan oil tree, as well as corky coral tree, with crimson trumpet-flower tree and small-flowered crape myrtle and weaver's beam tree, and with golden shower tree and white cutch tree. Then he should sprinkle that ash, cold, on the waters.
- 10–11 And in the same way, putting a handful of the ash in a pot, one may also purify water that one wants.

 If any one of the limbs of cows, horses, elephants, men or women, touch
 - a place on the ground that enemies have spoiled with poison, or a ford or rock or a flat surface, then it swells up and burns and its hair and nails fall out on that place.¹⁶⁴
 - 12 In that situation, he should grind up country sarsaparilla together with all the aromatic items, with alcoholic drinks. And then he should

¹⁶² अस्र normally means "tears," but rarely means "blood."

¹⁶³ On the polysemy of elephant/snake ($n\bar{a}ga$), see Semeka-Pankratov 1979.

^{164 &}quot;Swells up" translates an unclear reading that was probably মূ্যনি, which may be an irregular form of $\sqrt{3}$ য়, श্বা, श্বি (see Whitney 1885: 175–176).

- sprinkle the paths that need to be used with waters mixed with mud. And if there exists another path, he should go by that. He
- When grasses and foods are polluted, people collapse, fall unconscious. And others vomit. They get loose stool (*viḍbheda*) or they die. One should apply to them the therapy as described.
- Alternatively, one should wipe various musical instruments with antidotes that remove poison and then play them. What is called the most excellent paste for a musical instrument is certain minerals¹⁶⁷ together with gold and sarsaparilla, and a portion of of nutgrass equal to that, together with the bile called "brown cow". ¹⁶⁸ By the sound of the musical instrument, even terrible poisons that may be present at that place are destroyed.
 - 16 If there is smoke or wind that is affected by poison then birds are dazed and fall to the ground. People get coughs, colds, and head illnesses, and acute eye diseases.¹⁶⁹
 - 17 The smoke and air can be purified by putting into the air: lac, turmeric, Himalayan monkshood, and myrobalan, with Himalayan mayapple, costus, cardamom, 170 and peas, and beautyberry.
 - 165 Our "alcoholic drinks" translates सुरा. For a discussion of this term at our period see McHugh 2021: 37–39 et passim.
 - 166 Palhaṇa on 5.3.12 (Su 1938: 568) cited a similar reading for the fourth pāda, but with a negative particle, "and if there is no other way, one should go by that."
 - "Certain minerals" translates तारावितार, the unanimous reading of the Nepalese witnesses. But the meaning of this expression is not clear and may even refer to plants, like the other ingredients. The vulgate reads तारः सतारः, which is also not very clear. However, Dalhaṇa on 5.3.14 (Su 1938: 568) identified these as "silver" and "mercury." This is highly unlikely to be a correct understanding of the passage. Historically, mercury is not naturally present in the South Asian peninsula (Watt 1889–96: v. 5, 233) and the word पारद that Dalhaṇa used is probably a loan-word from Persian (sub paranda, parranda Steingass 1930: 244b). Mercurial compounds are not reliably attested in South Asia until two or three centuries after the composition of the Suśruta-saṃhitā at the earliest. The currently available "śāstric" recension of the Arthaśāstra that is datable to 175–300 CE (Olivelle 2013: 29–31) does not mention mercury (ibid, 534). See further the study by Wujastyk (2013a: 17, et passim).
 - 168 सुरेन्द्रगोप and कुरुविन्द are both uncertain, see index. Dalhana's opinion has been followed here, but it seems fair to say that all commentators were guessing.
 - 169 The syntax of this verse is somewhat loose; the vulgate has regularized it, smoothing out the difficulties.

write footnote: don't repeat ativiṣā; vulgate similar to H.

The origin of poison

- As it is told, the arrogant demon called Kaiṭabha created an obstacle for lotus-born Brahmā, at the very time that he was creating these creatures. 171
- 19 Pitiless Fury took a body and burst out of the mouth of furious Brahmā's store of fiery energy. 172
- 20 He burned that great, thundering, apocalyptic demon. Then, after bringing about the annihilation of that demon, his amazing fiery energy increased.
- And so, there was a sinking down (*viṣāda*) of the Daityas. Observing that, it was named "poison (*viṣa*)" because of it's ability to produce a "sinking down."
- 22 After that, the Lord created beings and subsequently made that fury enter into creatures still and moving.
- Water that falls from the sky to the earth has no obvious flavour. The savour of the different places it lands on enters into it. In the same way, whatever substance a poison reaches, it establishes itself there and by its nature it takes on that substance's savour.¹⁷³
 - Generally speaking, in a poison, all the qualities are really sharp. For this reason, every poison is known to irritate all of the humours.
 - 26 Irritated and afflicted by the poison, they leave their natural functions. Poison does not get digested, so it blocks the breaths. 174
 - 27 Breathing is obstructed because its pathway is blocked by phlegm. Even if life continues, a man remains without consciousness.
 - 28 Similar to semen, the poison of all angry snakes pervades the whole body, and goes to the limbs like semen because of being stirred up.
 - 29 The fang of snakes is like a hook. When it gets there, it sticks inside

¹⁷¹ At this point, the text seems to make a new beginning to the topic of toxicology, as if starting a new chapter. It is notable that no reference is made here to the famous origin story of poison in the churning of the primal milk ocean; for discussion of the sources of this account, see Bedekar 1967. For reflections on this passage, connecting it with Rudra and the Śatapathabrāhmaṇa, see Mānasa-tarangiṇī 2019.

^{172 &}quot;Fury" is here anthropomorphised.

¹⁷³ The scribal emendation in MS Kathmandu NAK 5-333 of नियच्छित to निगच्छित suggests that the scribe had more than one manuscript before him, one of them representing the reading of the vulgate recension.

¹⁷⁴ Probably a reference to the five breaths. Dalhana referred to winds (বার), but this does not seem correct since it is a reference to humours rather than breaths.

- them. That is why the unagitated poison of a snake is not released.
- 30 Sprinkling with very cold water is traditional for all cases of poisoning, because poison is declared to be extremely hot and sharp. 175
- Poison in insects is slow and not very hot, having a lot of wind and phlegm. So in cases of insect poisoning, sweating is not forbidden.
- 32cd In cases of a strike or a bite, the poison may, of its own accord, stay there.
- 33–35ab tHaving come upon a body,¹⁷⁶ in the case of corpses that that have been pierced by a poisoned arrow and bitten by a snake, someone who eats the poisoned flesh of a recent corpse out of carelessness will suffer with illness according to the poison, or even die. And therefore, the flesh of those should not be eaten when they have just died.
 - It is admissable after three quarters of an hour, but without the poisoned arrow and the snakebite.
 - 35.1 [At this point an Upajāti verse is added in the margin of K but is not fully legible; the version of the text in H is also incomplete and not fully comprehensible.] 177
 - 35.3 tWhen, in a wound, the poison that is connected with these qualities runs, ...Therefore, not everything that is damaged by poison and eaten causes death.

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 - [ślokas in the MSS that aren't in the vulgate. The first line doesn't scan. Witness K adds a part of the start of this in the bottom margin. This material is repeated at 3.39.2 in MS H.]
- 35cd & 36cd One designates a person who has diarrhoea of feces looking like soot

¹⁷⁵ The verb पठ् "is declared, read aloud" here could possibly suggest that the author is working within a written, not oral, tradition.

^{176 &}quot;Having come upon" translates प्रख्याप्य, which is hard to interpret unless it is a rare form connected with the sense "to see."

¹⁷⁷ $M\bar{a}dhavanid\bar{a}na$, 69.20–21 (MN $_1$: 480) has verses that are directly parallel to this section:

darvīkarāṇāṃ viṣam āśughāti sarvāṇi coṣṇe dviguṇībhavanti ajīrṇapittātapapīḍiteṣu bāleṣu vrddhesu bubhuksitesu 20

kṣīṇakṣate mohini kuṣṭhayukte rūkṣe 'bale garbhavatīṣu cāpi

śastrakṣate yasya na raktam eti rājyo latābhiś ca na saṃbhavanti 21. This passage is the only occurrence in the ayurvedic text corpus that relates to the Nepalese version of the *Suśrutasaṃhitā* at this point. This suggests that Mādhavakara (fl. ca. 700, Bengal) knew and used the Nepalese version.

¹⁷⁸ At this point, witness H inserts a marginal Indravajrā verse about diseases that afflict immoral women.

- $(grhadh\bar{u}ma)$ with wind, ¹⁷⁹ and who vomits foam, as "someone who has drunk poison."
- 37 Therefore, fire burns a heart that is pervaded by poison. For, having pervaded of its own accord the location of consciousness, it abides. 180

Patients beyond help

Patients who should not be accepted include: those who have been bitten under a peepul tree, in a temple, in a cemetery, at an ant-hill, at dawn or dusk, at a crossroads, in Yama's direction, ¹⁸¹

¹⁷⁹ সূহয়ন is not a plant in this context *pace* MW: 362. See the discussion in note 87, p. 29. 180 Dalhana said that someone who has died from drinking poison has a heart that cannot be burned because it is pervaded by poison (5.3.37 (Su 1938: 570)). But the sense of the Nepalese MSS is the opposite.

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                                               minerals. The variant reading in the
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                                            corky coral tree (pāribhadra) Erythrina
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                                               Hemidesmus indicus, (L.) R. Br. See
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   L.ADPS: 374, NK: v. 1, #1928, and
   marica (black pepper) Piper nigrum,
  L.ADPS: 294, NK: v. 1, #1929, 45
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   magna (Lour.) DC. See
   AVS: v. 2, 202; cf. NK: v. 1, #696, 31
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   ADPS: 169, AVS: v. 2, 259, NK: v. 1,
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velvet-leaf (pāṭhā) Cissampelos pariera,
  L. See ADPS: 366, NK: v. 1, #592,
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