Beinecke MS 408

A Transcription Based on a Revised Version of Takeshi Takahashi's Transliteration

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1 Introduction

In Section 2, mainly to promote easier readability and comparability, a transcription of Beinecke MS 408 is currently being developed, based on a transliteration by Takahashi (1999). To achieve this, 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. In total, I made changes in 300 places of Takahashi's transliteration. Changes to Takahashi's reading are highlighted in orange:

- Glyphs that I interpret in another way than Takahashi or that I add to the corpus are printed in orange, showing my interpretation.
- When a glyph has been deleted by me without replacement, this is indicated by \varkappa .
- Removed spaces are marked with \sim and added spaces are indicated by \sim .
- Added paragraphs are represented by ¶.

Especially the recognition of spaces in running text is, as Takahashi has already noted, sometimes very difficult. Therefore, my adjustments in this—just as in any other—regard should be taken with a certain amount of caution. Note that places where the writing is interrupted by illustrations are marked by em dashes (—).

Each line of the transcription is preceded by a locator in square brackets, informing 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.

Additionally, in Section 3, some basic analyses are presented. First, in Section 3.1, glyph frequencies are counted. In Section 3.2, then, entropy is calculated.

¹ Schwerdtfeger (2004) builds on an online archive of Voynich transcriptions 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

Folio 4, Verso

Folio 5, Recto

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Folio 5, Verso

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Folio 6, Recto

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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[P1, 3]

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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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[P1, 2]

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Folio 11, Verso

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Folio 13, Recto

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[P2, 9]

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[P2, 10]

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Folio 13, Verso

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[P1, 2]

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[P1, 3]

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[P1, 4]

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Folio 14, Recto

Folio 14, Verso

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Folio 15, Recto

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[P1, 2]

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[P1, 4]

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[P1, 5]

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Folio 15, Verso

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[P1, 9]
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Folio 16, Recto

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Folio 16, Verso

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Folio 17, Recto

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[P2, 4]

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[P2, 5]

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[P3, 7]

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Folio 17, Verso

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Folio 18, Recto

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Folio 18, Verso

Folio 19, Recto

Folio 19, Verso

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Folio 20, Recto

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Folio 20, Verso

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Folio 21, Recto

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Folio 21, Verso

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Folio 22, Recto

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Folio 22, Verso

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Folio 23, Recto

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[P3, 7]

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[P3, 10]

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Folio 23, Verso

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Folio 24, Recto

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Folio 24, Verso

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Folio 25, Recto

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Folio 25, Verso

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p1, 6]

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p1, 7]

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Folio 26, Recto

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[P2, 7]

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Folio 26, Verso

Folio 27, Recto

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[P0, 2]

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Folio 27, Verso

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[P1, 2]
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[P1, 3]
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[P1, 4]
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[P1, 5]
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[P1, 6]
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[P1, 7]
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[P1, 7]
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Folio 28, Recto

[P1, 1]
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Folio 28, Verso

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[P1, 1]

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[P1, 2]

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[P1, 3]

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[P2, 4]

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Folio 29, Recto

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Folio 29, Verso

Folio 30, Recto

[P2, 8]
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Folio 30, Verso

[P1, 1]

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[P1, 2]

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[P1, 3]

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[P1, 4]

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[P1, 5]

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[P1, 6]

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[P1, 7]

acoffac &coffaco faco faco

[P1, 8]

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[P1, 9]

toffaco? aco? &cocg &cocg

[P1, 10]

&co &cocg&g offaco? &a\d d)

[P1, 11]

Cog acoffaco? &a\d d)

laco&g

Cocg acoffaco? &a\d d)

laco&g

Cocg acoffaco;

&cocg&g

Cocg acoffaco;

&cocg&g

Acocg

Cocg

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per, 7]
glice da? Zarri cocofficos cocos folicos glicedo cocos gos
[P2, 8]
cocos folicos cocos cocos folicos cocos cocofficos
[P2, 9]
         80117 Ecco Ecttog offcog
[P3, 10]
        Those and offices tolless tolless tolless sar acording
oxéccox follows dax oncy does long llocy ollarity offices [P3, 12]
†οαινθ 9σες ο Μεδο δες σες σεςδαινθ δα?
obsolo Gilbe obsos so Silos
octobar choog collo ollobar
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Folio 31, Verso

[P1, 1]
Toda \ ? &ccess offices offices toffogetee 2 a ? a? offices offices age
[P1, 2]
officeo octives officeo eccoss offices focoss sand eccoss focoss
[P1, 3]
officeo sand &csos offices offices offices offices offices
[P1, 4]
san? effices toffoss offices eccoss offices ag octives offices
[P1, 5]
office eccoss a? and

P2, 6]

Toccoso tot occos occition of occitions of occit again of a theo offar

[P2, 7]

og ficeday occi occi ficeog occition offag offag offa occided offar

[P2, 8]

off and occided offaces occided offaces occided offag

[P2, 9]

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[P2, 10]

sar occided offaces occided offaces offaces offaces offaces

[P2, 10]

sar occided offaces occided offaces offaces offaces offaces

[P2, 11]

Zand offaces occided offaces offaces offaces

Folio 32, Recto

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[PI, I]

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             .2020 Potor Cocord clip sas — 8ctobar follo
   tollcrof crof ettrog crog sog — scrcosand sand
  toffers toffers sand
[P2, 6] fcco fccs
   offox dox ox dan?
  †oa? 8a\\V 8a8
   8011cco2 8a29
[P2, 10]
8cto? cffco 8a\\\\
[P2, 11]

cto2 cccffcox \(\bar{V}\)

[P2, 12]
           ट्टें08a110 ट्रीं08
             office of sand sand cttog
 [P2, 14]

Cocco toll occo sand offer
 tollary tollog 80117 og [P2, 16]

Tollarog acco 2019
   [P2, 17]
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los scros sas
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Folio 32, Verso

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[P1, 1]

| forcosann con floor fotann sannows — o cotocoso
| p1, 2]
| sanno osar con sanno con floor floor gs9 — sanno floor
| p1, 3]
| ctor sanno cotton sto sanno con sanno con floor
| p1, 4]
| or cor cor sor canno fotano reg — sco sanno
| p1, 4]
| colors sanno con con fo flanno sanno sors
| p1, 6]
| of can con ctan santte
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[P2, 7]

Ilito cto? to tecanno officero? san — tetto ? osav

[P2, 8]

office san office

Folio 33, Recto

P1, 1]

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places to the cells of the sast of the sast of the costs of the cos

Folio 33, Verso

[P2, 7]

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Folio 34, Recto

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[P1.1]

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The coctacy oral oral oral offers offers offers offers offers offers offers offers

The cost offers orally areas of offers offers offers offers of offers

The cost offers orally areas offers

The cost offers orally areas offers

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The cost offers

The cost
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2a17 acla ? collo &cl — acosacos tollos oll accosactes

Folio 34, Verso

[P1, 1]
[Pcc39 cc39 ccttcg cc39 totas cc3939 cc3axc39 gtc39 ccttc39 cttc39 cttc39 cttc39 cttc39 cttc39 cttc39 cttc39 ccttc39 cttc39 ccttc39 cc

[P2, 6]
There da? Aca? to licedy to liced encog of the danni encog of are encoded in the control of the control

Folio 35, Recto

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[P1, 1]

cffroo? crops cffrs croffs cra? 39

[P1, 2]

tollicann crollann tollicas anno

scanno cffrcs tollicus flann cffro?

[P1, 4]

tollicus chilicus cffros crocs sanno sanno

[P1, 5]

offro? cho flacces crocs sanno sanno

[P1, 6]

cranno cra? crad sanno

[P1, 7]

chollicus flanno sanno

[P2, 9]

tanno cranno cffro cracs cracs sanno

[P2, 10]

o anno cranno cffro cracs cracs sanno

[P2, 11]

chaccanno cros cffranno scanno scan san san san asso o

[P2, 12]

oso? cra cranno cra flanno flanno flanno

[P2, 13]

tollono cranno tollicus offro? sanno cffranno

[P2, 14]

cffros cros anno tollicus offro? sanno chos tollanno

[P2, 15]

ocro? 2 crnno sanno offano? sanno chos tollanno

pre, 15]

ocro? 2 crnno sanno offano
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Folio 35, Verso

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fa? cco? ccocffcg ?oa\\dagger a?
totlarg offaceg llaco? offa
  Boro For collo sally
[P1, 4]
offce toffce deep effective [P1, 5]
Scroller croeffed creffed?
 Los flaces affecces actesive
 The golf os cos for Sarril
00110 Hero? to to the strong 8
9905 9aSon وعدماً
†offceccann ceosann
8000110 80110 8010 809 8
. og cta? oð a? ctca?
 Prica Salt of Par Said
olfog croog offerg ffer
98a110 offices 8a110
  Barry gard cellago ceogo
  8 000 Polices Possibot Pinas
  Scrolleg gloog crog sall
80110 CO2 CO2
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Folio 36, Recto

Folio 36, Verso

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[P1, 1]
Tocalaly totology coannil therey exetting offannil efteal sannil
total engress sannil offannil totology offan octol exetty efteal son
[P1, 3]
sergificing offor 2 — offannil totology offan offerannil
[P1, 4]
totherol off to so — sannil efteal
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[P2, 5]

Thereof effeon dann effecta?

[P2, 6]

Sann effeor sann sag sg2

[P2, 7]

Tolly leog offeror of ero can

[P2, 8]

offer goffer sog offes goff of goff of goffer goffer goff ero ero ero effect goff of ero effect gof
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Folio 37, Recto

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[P1, 1]

1 foctog cannot tollor of cor off coro sanno offos or [P1, 2]

9 flonn cftcor offanno tollor offos tolland co offanno foctog tolland cftcor offanno
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[P2, 4]

Toollary barry offers bar are barry - 98

[P2, 5]

glig tollary tollaror allog offogg

[P2, 6]

chor chor tollary tollogody — barry barry

[P2, 7]

Zor areg 107 tollor barry

[P3, 8]

No.10 ccorosg tollarid ctorg offag — ctor ctcor sar

[P3, 9]

gliccosg tollarg gliarid ccg tollor—sg — office gog sarid

tollo officector scor ccg ctg sarid — goccg flog sarir

officer sarid cffcg sard sarid

Folio 37, Verso

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[P1, 1]

| fictody toothey tothogogy croffsand cog [P1, 2]
| 80? crog ctro? o?cro cro? dann)
| folicrod cty crod dann dy decor defined decor decor dann)
| 8ctor defined decor dann
| P1, 6]
| golfor other offcand dann
| p1, 6]
| golfor other cannot offg
| p1, 7]
| tothcor dann
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[P3, 14]

Thosand ctann ctropose

[P3, 15]

20110 ccollog sand sand

[P3, 16]

Tothor sand ccothand

[P3, 17]

201100 tothon dand sand osg

[P3, 18]

office sand sand osg

[P3, 19]

sand thond tothog sand

[P3, 20]

occothacy offor sand ctrope

[P3, 21]

occothacy offor sand ctrope

[P3, 22]

Tothog offord coothacy

[P3, 23]

Folio 38, Recto

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[P1, 1]

Thoso? cocifies — olfs croind olfaces ogg olfs
[P1, 2]

olfaces crosso? — offerid offering crolleto?

[P1, 3]

tolfo? olfand — offerid tolfaces crolleto?

[P1, 4]

garolf cres creft — crs crife? osand sand 29

[P1, 5]

olfo? cres fand — cro? offer sand offers

[P1, 6]

garo croins — sand olfos crocso? sand
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Folio 38, Verso

Folio 39, Recto

[P2, 6] Tocos in the san to tocos of tocos of the san of the san to tocos of the san of the san to the san to the san of the san of

[P3, 10]

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Folio 39, Verso

[P1, 1]

#8a\? cc89 #8911a\D o? a\? &c911a\\\D o#c09 11a? o? a\\D &ox 119 o&&9

[P1, 2]

20? &g 110? cc0x totto 11cc89 ox 119 80? cc89 of 1a? ox 11c8a\\D o&9 89

8a\\D cc0? of 1a\D of 1a\\T cc089 2a\\D o? a\\D to 1a\\D of 1a\\D of 168a\\D of 168

9 of 1cc9 cc089 ccc0? a\\D of 1689 cc08ax of 1c89 to 1c89 8ax o? a\\D &f 1689

of 1c89 110? o? &c19 11a\D of 1a? o? a\\D of 1a\\D of 1a\\D of 1689

x 11c89 of 1cc9 &c0? 100 11a% cc0 cf 1ccf 1c9 o? axo

Folio 40, Recto

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[P1, 1]

Taco Ilcosar agsgsg — tollg ollag 289 oglicsg offace ar orsanni

tollar ollar ollar sar — glaco Ilanni ollor aces ollar aragor

[P1, 3]

29 tollag as gar — glar ollor and ollogar tollar ollar

[P1, 4]

or and acellos sar — tollog ollanni ollar ollg ollogsg og

[P1, 5]

gollar tollar ollar — ollog og aces tollar ar ar or sag

[P1, 6]

Thor or ar and ollor of — ogaces tollar area Ilar oranni

gand acelland ollg — gaces
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[P2, 8]

| Maco | Maco | Baco | Baco

Folio 40, Verso

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[P1, 1]

Tocc8aN occtaNN 0989
        Mosa? tollarro og arag
S ars ard offarry offak
Tarann offand ceeff x9
         Ogallo Ollas ogo cectles
.
tocc8 arry og cc89 8arry
جرمع المع حدده 2 م
cco8a\\V ccllag gllc8g ollag
        They teroso terso Mat og
         Toollann Hoocog tollann ofann
       Sceedy tollog ceedy dago? atteg
         goodless ganno offanno
[P2, 13]
         Thous cross less of tolless — sarry cretary
to face tody of ann of and orthoperates the square that the s
ctor lless sor at ollar tolls lless 7-9tless tollaxs
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Thoces tollees tollarry offer tollar—offees ar offg 2arry offard ceetteg offar offar7 arox—tolleg offar9

Folio 41, Recto

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[P1, 1]

Taco licoarco olico acilica — otaco otaco talalicos polico araco olico technologia polico araco olico licoarco — otaco otaco otaco araco olico ilcoarco otaco o
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[P2, 6]

ctc8c9 forces folices acilic8g office — alianos offices forces acide8g

[P2, 7]

faras laces offices folice8g — offic8g acilic8g tolic8g aces folic8g

8arraces acilic8g acilic8g aces — folices folias acilic8g fo8or as

[P2, 9]

folice8g offic8g acilic8g aces — acilic8g acilias 8arraces as offic8g

[P2, 10]

Caroli aces folice8g saces — offic8g folice8g folice8g folice8g

[P2, 11]

office8 office8g acilice8g acelice8

Folio 41, Verso

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[TI, 1]
| Mcc2odag
| [PI, 2]
| Taccodo totaccito otado atechado — otacedo acetacito adacedo totas da?
| [PI, 3]
| Sacedo taceo 2 and acetaco otado otago — sand otago oficeo oficeo sas
| [PI, 4]
| totado otago totacodo oraceo placedo en placedo totacedo otago aceda tacedo
| [PI, 5]
| oaceo oraceo sand or aceda otago and oracedo totago otago oracedo oraceo oraceo oficeo otago otago oracedo otago otago otago otago oracedo otago otago oracedo oracedo otago oracedo otago oracedo oracedo otago oracedo oracedo otago oracedo otago oracedo otago oracedo oracedo oracedo oracedo otago oracedo o
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Folio 42, Recto

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Costa to otalia patracetto offices forca?
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Tocto celleta ceollar cears &ag
 Fire Fab Siallow Fallow Fois
toldar croctly crotlor toldar
 807a17 cca?
 र्रिट० ८९ १८४० १० २०१४ १० ५००
octog crec2 ettog cto7 ctog ettog cra79
+ offceo? offceog cffco fceo8al cellceo?9
colfs dog lícico efferd offog efferg crog — crog da \sqrt{0} [P2, 11]
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to like colf colary crosarry barry — 8ag $_{[T2, \, 15]}$ Tocoso offices sosarry

. Screeg crop chor crollann croelly scffg — sand sage $_{[P2,\ 13]}$

ੀ 98a \ \ \ ਦੇ co? ਦੇ a \ \ \ ੀ ਦੇ og ਦ 9 ਦੇ og 9 ctoffog ctog ceeffg 8a110 ceoffeeg cella110 . . 1089 ctcoccg offarry ccg llcc2 cco7 ard [P3, 19] So S \sim p $^{+}$ 5 o $^{+}$ 2 o $^{+}$ 5 o $^{+}$ 6 o $^{+}$ 7 o $^{+}$ 6 o $^{+}$ 7 o $^{+}$ 7 o $^{+}$ 8 o $^{+}$ 8 o $^{+}$ 9 o $^{$ Log cros tollo ollos to cros tos cras ctos cros cros ctos ctorrilos Pora *0903 Charles Sos & crarid Sunspell soft soft

Folio 42, Verso

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[P1, 1]

There effe decay force than it doop? — error error dand

[P1, 2]

Society there of there of the effect of the sail offer dand

do errolled error offer offer error — dr erethe offer

[P1, 3]

to errolled error offer offer error — dr erethe offer

[P1, 4]

foffer error offer dand — odancy — offer offer dand

errolled error error error offer error offer dand

[P1, 6]

offer error error offer e
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[P2, 9]
Tockco? to tar? telleto follos— to telleto ?! to general policy to the control of the co

3 Analysis

3.1 Glyph Frequencies

Based on a transliteration by Takahashi (see Section 1), a first basic analysis of frequencies can be performed, by simply counting each Latin letter of the transliteration. This results in Table 1, listing all letters that are used.

Letter	Glyph	Count		
		Takahashi Takahashi/Bar		
0	0	25,468		
е	С	20,070		
h	5	17,856		
У	9	$17,\!655$		
a	а	14,281		
С	C	13,314		
d	8	12,973		
i	\	11,660		
1	۶	10,518		
k	ľ	9,996		
r	5	$7,\!456$		
n	J	6,141		
t	111	5,968		
q	1	5,423		
S	උ	4,501		
s	ተ ሪ የ	2,886		
p	#	1,406		
m	В	1,116		
T	Ħ	976		
K	ff	938		
f	₽*	425		
P	¥	224		
g	අ	96		
F	¥	80		
I	τ	72		
х	ᆽ	35		
V	٨	9		
Z	ъ	2		

Table 1: Letter frequencies in Takahashi's transliteration.

Determining what counts as one glyph, though, is in some cases an interpretative act. It seems straightforward to assume that σ and $\mathfrak c$ are one glyph (i.e., σ). Likewise, $\mathcal C$ and $\mathfrak c$ could be interpreted as another glyph (i.e., $\mathcal A$). Additionally, one might interpret instances of the, offe, of as representing σ (or $\mathcal A$), on the one hand, and $\mathfrak f$, $\mathfrak f$, or $\mathfrak f$, on the other. Concerning those "gallows" characters, as they have come to be called, it is not clear whether $\mathfrak f$ and $\mathfrak f$ or $\mathfrak f$ and $\mathfrak f$ are variations of the same glyphs, only diverging in one small loop (as Tiltman 1967 seems to have interpreted them). In the following, the four gallows will be treated as distinct glyphs, as has become customary. Accordingly, Table 2 gives frequencies for several σ combinations, taking into account four forms of "pedestalled gallows". The table also includes three instances that bear some resemblance to Latin abbreviations (also see D'Imperio 1978, p. 95).

Furthermore, while there are instances of a single ι , it is not clear whether instances like $\iota\iota$ and $\iota\iota\iota$ or combinations with ϑ like $\iota\vartheta$ or $\iota\iota\vartheta$ represent separate glyphs. Table 3

Letter(s)	Glyph	Count		
		Takahashi	Takahashi/Bauer	
ch	CC	11,008		
Sh	ત્ત	4,501		
cTh	c ¶c	950		
cKh	clfc	906		
cPh	ct c	216		
cFh	ctc	74		
С	C	143		
СО	CO	9		
су	c 9	7		

Table 2: Glyph frequencies in Takahashi's transliteration for several σ combinations.

gives frequencies for several of those χ combinations. Assuming there are three glyphs χ , $\chi \partial_{\lambda}$, and $\chi \chi \partial_{\lambda}$, it is of course difficult to determine when there actually is a $\chi \partial_{\lambda}$ or a $\chi \chi \partial_{\lambda}$.

Letter(s)	Glyph	Count		
		Takahashi	Takahashi/Bauer	
i	١	590		
ii	\\	195		
iii	111	10		
n	J	148		
in	٧)	1,752		
iin	611	4,076		
iiin	1119	154		
iiiin	61111	2		

Table 3: Glyph frequencies in Takahashi's transliteration for several v combinations.

This being said, I tentatively stipulate a set of 22 glyphs. Table 4 gives frequencies for those glyphs. They are counted according to the following rules:

- The glyphs a, δ , c, δ , τ , φ , δ , o, \uparrow , \uparrow , \uparrow , \uparrow , and φ are simply counted as before. Hence, frequencies are identical with Table 1.
- The glyph \mathcal{L} is counted every time \mathcal{L} and \mathfrak{c} appear consecutively.
- The glyph σc is counted every time σ and c appear consecutively, as well as in cases where there is #, #, #, or # between them.
- The glyph ff is counted every time ff or ff appears.
- The glyph If is counted every time If, If, or If appears.
- The glyph f is counted every time f or f appears.
- The glyph f is counted every time f or f appears.
- The glyph $\sqrt{3}$ is counted every time $\sqrt{3}$ appear consecutively without there being a preceding second $\sqrt{3}$.
- The glyph \mathcal{N} is counted every time \mathcal{N} , \mathcal{N} , and \mathcal{I} appear consecutively.
- The glyph ι is counted every time it is not part of $\iota \Im$ or $\iota \iota \Im$ as well as in instances of τ .

Letter(s)	Glyph	Count (Percent)		
	0.1	Takahashi		Takahashi/Bauer
0	0	25,468	(15.636)	
е	С	20,070	(12.322)	
У	9	$17,\!655$	(10.839)	
a	α	$14,\!281$	(8.768)	
ch	cc	$13,\!154$	(8.076)	
d	රී	12,973	(7.965)	
k	ľ	10,934	(6.713)	
1	9	10,518	(6.458)	
r	5	$7,\!456$	(4.578)	
t	11	6,944	(4.263)	
q	†	$5,\!423$	(3.329)	
Sh	ત્ત	4,501	(2.763)	
iin	110	4,232	(2.598)	
s	S	$2,\!886$	(1.772)	
in	61	1,752	(1.076)	
р	#	1,630	(1.001)	
i	\	1,240	(0.761)	
m	В	1,116	(0.685)	
f	₽*	505	(0.310)	
g	ද්	96	(0.059)	
x	ᆽ	35	(0.021)	
V	٨	9	(<0.001)	
		162,878		

Table 4: Glyph frequencies in Takahashi's transliteration

3.2 Entropy

Next, let's take a look at the manuscript's entropy. To this end, I utilize the conceptualization of information entropy by Shannon (1948), basically measuring the variability of glyphs in the manuscript. Entropy H can be defined as shown in (1), where p_z denotes the probability of z, with z being an element of the alphabet Z.

$$H = -\sum_{z \in Z} p_z \log_2 p_z \tag{1}$$

To calculate the entropy, I suppose the above stipulated glyphs to form alphabet Z (see Table 4). Accordingly, changes to the corpus are made so that each stipulated glyph has a single corresponding character in the transliteration. Changes are made according to the following rules:

- The glyph α is represented by Sh in EVA. For calculating the entropy, every time S and h appear consecutively, they are replaced by 1
- The glyph σ is represented by ch in EVA. Every time c and h appear consecutively, they are replaced by 2. Following the above stated rules for glyph counting, σ is also believed to be present when σ and c are separated by ff, ff, or ff, represented by ff, ff, or ff are also present. They are represented by ff, ff, or ff are also present. They are represented by ff, ff, or ff are also present. They are represented by ff, ff, or ff are also present. They are represented by ff, ff, ff, or ff are also present. They are represented by ff, ff, ff, or ff are also present.
- The glyph of, represented by z in EVA, is counted as ff, represented by k in EVA. Hence, every z is replaced by k.

- The glyph $\sqrt{3}$ is represented by in in EVA. Every time i and n appear consecutively, they are replaced by 4.
- Lastly, the glyph τ , represented by I in EVA, is counted as ι , represented by i in EVA. Hence, every I is replaced by i.

Calculating the entropy for this converted corpus results in H=3.866. As comparisons, Table 5 also offers the entropy values for the unconverted transliteration as well as for a randomly generated text consisting of 22 different characters and being 234,956 characters long (just as the converted transliteration).

Corpus	H
Takahashi	4.021
Takahashi (converted)	3.866
Takahashi/Bauer	
Takahashi/Bauer (converted)	
Random text	4.459

Table 5: Entropy (H) for different transliterations.

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