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"Anatomy Charts" from the collection of Dr. Sami Ibrahim Haddad

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As mentioned in my letter to the editor in your March-April 2008 issue,¹ I have collected several sets from the "Anatomy Charts of the Arabs", a collection of drawings described by Karl Sudhoff approximately a century ago.² This is the first chart (the skeleton) of the set of four "Anatomy Charts" found in a 264-folio illustrated manuscript [N° "500-510/...Ah/1110/n14" in The Sami I Haddad Memorial Library - Rancho Palos Verdes Branch and N° "90" in the Catalogue of the Arabic medical manuscripts in the Library of Dr. Sami Ibrahim Haddad Farid Haddad and HH Biesterfeld (Aleppo 1984)]. Parts of the texts were written in Arabic and other sections in Persian. The scribe was either *fajraldjn mahAbAdj* or *muhammad Cjrjn*; both are unknown physicians mentioned in the text. The copy was made in Putna, Behar, India sometime between 944 and 1110 AH. It has no title, but I gave it the following one "*majmw'a Tibbiyye*" because it is a series of extracts from previously written recognizable medical books.

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