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On Stones in the Waist

Al-Khidr b Muhammad narrated from al-Kharrazi that he said: I called on one of them [the Imams, peace be upon him]. I greeted him and asked him to pray for my brother, who was suffering from stones (*al-hasah*) and could not sleep. He said to me: "Return and take some black myrohalan (*al-ihlilaj al-aswad*), beleric myrobalan (*al-balilaj*), and emblic myrobalan (*al-amlaj*). Take equal parts of blue bdellium (*al-kur*), pepper (*al-filfil*), long pepper, Chinese cinnamon, ginger, secacul (*shaqaqul*), sweet flag (*wajj*), anise (*anisun*), and galangal (*khulanjan*). Grind and sieve them and mix with the clarified butter from a cow (*samn baqr*). Then mix all of that with twice its weight of honey which has had its froth (*al-rughwa*) removed. Drink of it the equivalent of a hazelnut or a gallnut (*afsa'*)."

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