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### al-Jaghmīnī

Sharaf al-Dīn Abū 'Alī Maḥmūd b. Muḥammad b. 'Umar **al-Jaghmīnī** (al-Chaghmīnī) al-Khwārazmī (d. c.618/1221–2) composed multiple scientific works (in astronomy, arithmetic, astrology, and medicine) in Arabic in the late sixth/twelfth and early seventh/thirteenth centuries under the auspices of the Khwārazmshāhs in Central Asia. Two of his compositions in particular became popular textbooks: an introduction to Ptolemaic theoretical astronomy, *al-Mulakḥḥaṣ* *fi 'ilm al-ḥay'a al-basīṭa*; and a medical treatise, *al-Qānūnča* ("The 'little *Qānūn*'"), an abridgement of Ibn Sīnā's (Avicenna, d. 428/1037) famous compendium *al-Qānūn fi l-ṭibb* ("The canon of medicine"). The impact and longevity of their influence are evidenced by the plethora of extant copies, and by their many commentaries and translations, which continued to be studied extensively for over seven centuries and disseminated widely throughout the Islamic world and South Asia.

#### 1. DATING AL-JAGHMĪNĪ TO THE LATE SIXTH/TWELFTH AND EARLY SEVENTH/THIRTEENTH CENTURIES

Numerous modern sources erroneously date al-Jaghmīnī to the first half of the eighth/fourteenth century. Some list two Jaghmīnīs, distinguishing between an early seventh/thirteenth-century astronomer/mathematician (d. c.618/1221–2), who authored the *Mulakḥḥaṣ* (*GAL*, 1:473; *GALS*, 1:865), and an eighth/fourteenth-century physician (d. 745/1344–5), who wrote the *Qānūnča* (*GAL*, 1:457; *GALS*, 1:826).

The error that one Jaghmīnī (who authored both the *Mulakḥḥaṣ* and the *Qānūnča*) died in 745/1344–5 originates with Heinrich Suter (Zur Frage, 539–40), who relied on a specious marginal note in a *Qānūnča* copy (Gotha, Forschungsbibliothek, MS Or. A 1930, fol. 1b) reported in a catalogue (Pertsch, 3/3:468). Suter was emboldened because *Mulakḥḥaṣ* commentaries first appeared around that time and because the sources suggesting 618/1221–2 for al-Jaghmīnī's floruit (e.g.,

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