

**GEMINATE IMPERFECTIVES IN ARABIC MASKED
AS INTENSIVE STEMS OF THE VERB**

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The absence of geminate imperfectives in Arabic has been characteristically invoked as one of the main reasons for linking it with Northwest Semitic rather than with South Semitic, as was traditionally accepted since the founding fathers of Semitic Comparative Linguistics established the standard classification of these languages, which will remain undisputed until the Central Semitic hypothesis was introduced in the last decades¹.

We had expressed our disagreement with this hypothesis by proving the weakness of its foundations in Corriente 2003 but, apparently, our arguments have not circulated fast enough yet, or have not been sufficiently convincing, as we recently heard several strongly dissenting voices in the Barcelona Symposium on Comparative Semitics of 2004, upon dwelling again on what we believe to be a well-grounded rejection of such a notion². Together with a one-by-one refutation of all the alleged foundations of that hypothesis, we had pointed to the fact that its proponents base their arguments on grammatical descriptions of merely Classical Arabic, with almost total disregard for old, medieval and modern dialectal evidence, thus obtaining a very partial picture of the best known and therefore most important Semitic language.

Therefore, as the message has not reached its addressees, or at least not all of them, some redundancy might be in order. To be more precise, we mean to delve again into just one of those alleged reasons, namely the absence of geminate imperfectives in Arabic, with the aim of offering a more encompassing survey of this matter than those found in the Classical grammars by either native or foreign authors.

As far back as in 1977³, we had listed some Andalusí Arabic verbs with the external shape of the intensive stem, but none of its expectable matching semantic nuances, and explained them as a possible “survival of South Arabian imperfectives {*ya1a22a3*} metanalyzed as II measures”⁴. As part of an overall theory of the impact

¹ Mainly by Garbini 1960 and 1984, upheld by scholars like Hetzron 1997, Lipiński 1997 and Bennett 1998. Conversely, Moscati [1964: 4] still held onto the standard classification, which he considered based on geographical criteria, although “corresponding tolerably well (though not without certain exceptions) to the distribution of gross linguistic features”.

² In an article of ours, forthcoming in the *Proceedings* of that symposium.

³ In Corriente [1977: 102, fn. 159].

⁴ The same idea was upheld in Corriente [1992: 99], in connection with other South Arabian features conspicuously present in Andalusí and other Western Arabic dialects.

of South Arabian on North Arabic as a whole, and most particularly on Western Arabic, we said some years later⁵ that “it is reasonable to surmise that when North and South Arabian came into close contact, geminated imperfectives were metanalyzed as Form II verbs; thus many Form II verbs in Classical Arabic dictionaries do not hark back to historically intensive forms but owe their present shape only to this metanalysis”. The same interpretation was repeated in Corriente [1996: 55, fn. 5], but it would be also fair to avow that we never cared to provide actual lists of those cases in Classical Arabic dictionaries, considering that this was totally unnecessary, as it suffices to leaf through any of them to find several such cases in almost every page. Only recently, our friend and colleague Andrzej Zaborski, with whom we share many an opinion on Semitic Linguistics, has recalled our attention to this subject, by kindly showing us his own list of relevant cases, drawn from Wehr’s and Baranov’s dictionaries, as part of a forthcoming article of his, entitled “*Qātala* as equivalent of *qatala* and traces of the old present in Arabic”. However, as those two dictionaries are directed to the modern rather than to the old and medieval usage, and Zaborski is basically concerned with cases of morpho-semantic leveling of the I, II and III stems, there appears to be only minimal overlapping with our purpose and the list we have obtained from Kazimirski’s dictionary⁶, which can be seen in Appendix I, as a witness to the situation in Classical Arabic.

This situation appears not to have been properly reflected by the grammars written by both native and foreign authors⁷, where one finds no reference to the haphazard but frequent synonymy of the II and I stems. The same can be said about a host of cases of intransitive⁸ and even quality verbs⁹ in number sufficient to demand an explanation.

⁵ In Corriente [1989: 101].

⁶ We are, of course, aware of the shortcomings of this work which, however, remains unique to this date as a complete lexicon in a Western language of the Old Arabic usage. We have exercised extreme caution upon handling its entries, by collecting only absolutely or almost absolutely identical semantical doublets and discarding any disputable case.

⁷ E.g., Sibawayhi [IV, 64] assigns to the II stem the function of *taktīr* (“multiple action”, equivalent of *mubālaḡah* in younger authors, closer to the idea of “overdoing”), when it is not synonymous with IV (ibid. 55), while Wright [I, 31 ff.] speaks of causative or factitive, declarative or estimative and denominative functions. Likewise, Fischer [1972: 87 ff.] mentions intensive, transitive and denominal nuances, Blachère & Gaudefroy-Demombynes [1952: 52ff.] list intensive, factitive and denominative meanings, not very different from the concepts found in Fleisch [1979: 288] (“intensive, causative ou simplement estimative”) and Grande [1963: 123 ff.], who classifies those functions into intensive (subdivided into reinforcing, iterative, distributive or implying multiple subjects), causative, declarative and denominal.

⁸ E.g., (from Kazimirski’s dictionary) *baḡḡama* “se ramasser”, *barraka* “s’agenouiller”, *baqqaʿa* “s’éloigner”, *tannaḥa* “s’arrêter”, *danna* “s’approcher”, *saqqaʿa* “s’en aller”, *sammaṭa* “se taire”, *ṣattā* “passer l’hiver”, *ṣaddara* “s’avancer”, *ṣaʿcāda* “gravir”, *ṣammata* “se taire”, *ṭassasa* “s’éloigner”, *ʿarrada* “s’enfuir”, *fawwaza* “fuir”, *qarrada* “se taire par sentiment de son impuissance”, *qayyaza* “passer la saison d’été dans un lieu”, *kaṭṭaʿa* “se développer”, *labbaḥa* “vieillir” and *naqqaṭa* “se dépêcher”, all but a few of them absent from Neo-Arabic, in which the II stem is almost exclusively assigned to transitive, most often causative meanings. Once in while, however, similar cases are also spotted in its dialects, e.g., Iraqi: *sayyas* “to float along”, Egyptian: *baḡḡah* “to behave impudently”, *ḡahhim* “to frown”, *daḡḡil* “to engage in swindling”, *raqqad* “to develop ophthalmia”, *ʿawwid* “to return”, *qarrab* “to come near”, Yemeni: *ʿarrag* “to take root deeply”, *ʿaṭṭas* “to sneeze”, *bayyan* “to become clear”, *ḥammar* “to become red”, *naʿcas* “to sleep lightly”, *rawwah* “to go away”, *ṣayyab* “to

A total of more than 800 cases of such doublets over the whole body of Old Arabic verbs cannot be dismissed as sheer coincidence and, since the basic functions of the II stem as a marker of intensive and causative verbs cannot be denied either, the only explanation to this abnormality is, in our view, that there has been coalescence, under the outer cover of the II stem, of a morphological category belonging to a different system. As geminate imperfectives appear to be a common feature of all other South Semitic languages, except Arabic, it is cogent to accept that at least some Old Arabic dialects preserved that feature, although it had disappeared or was about to disappear from others, perhaps the very prestige dialects on which the Abbasid grammarians based their koineized and canonized grammar¹⁰.

It is not difficult to guess the reasons that might have triggered the disappearance of this feature from Old Arabic, which is lacking in the grammars of Classical and Neo-Arabic, but for a few traces. From a structural viewpoint, there was a clash in South Semitic between mood marking by means of suffixes (attached to the final syllable of the verbs as in Classical Arabic) and alternancy between geminate and

get old”, Maltese: *bajjad* “to look very white”, *bakkar* “to get up early”, *qammar* “to be excited by frenzy”, *sejjer* “to walk”, etc.

⁹ E.g. (from Kazimirski’s dictionary), *arrasa* “être laboureur”, *bakkara* “ê. matinal”, *ballaḥa* “ê. fatigué”, *bannaša* “ê. mou dans l’ action”, *ḡawwada* “ê. rapide à la course”, *ḥaffaša* “ê. débile”, *ḥawwara* “ê. faible”, *dannaḥa* “ê. abject”, *dannana* “ê. morveux”, *rassaḥa* “avoir les paupières malades”, *raḡḡā* “ê. couvert d’ écume”, *raḥḥaḥa* “ê. réuni”, *zabbaba* “ê. près du coucher”, *zahḥaḥa* “ê. vantard”, *zarrafa* “ê. bavard”, *sarraḥa* “ê. très prolifique”, *sawwasa* “ê. attaqué par les vers”, *ṣabbaḥa* “ê. presque rassasié”, *ṣaddana* “avoir grandi”, *ṣawwaḥa* “ê. vide”, *ṣaḥḥama* “ê. rempli de moelle”, *ṣannaba* “ê. long du dos”, *ṣakkama* “ê. très gros”, *ṣannasa* “ê. vieille fille”, *ṣannaḥa* “ê. dur envers quelqu’ un”, *ṣawwana* “commencer à ê. d’ un âge moyen”, *ḡayyama* “ê. couvert de nuages”, *fattaḡa* “ê. chargé d’ un fardeau”, *faddara* “ê. affaibli”, *qaddama* “ê. le premier”, *kaḥḥaḥa* “ê. couvert de crème”, *kaḥḥaba* “avoir le sein formé”, *laḡḡaba* “ê. épuisée”, *lazzaba* “ê. dur”, *naḡḡā* “ê. sauvé”, *nazzara* “ê. importun”, *nahhada* “avoir déjà les seins gonflés”, *hayyafa* “ê. mince”, *waddasa* “ê. caché”, *warraḡa* “ê. branchu”, *wakkaba* “ê. noirâtre”. In some cases, the matching I stem verb even has the *i/u* vocalization of its second consonant characteristic of stative and quality verbs, like *rasiḥa*, *sawisa*, *ṣabiḥa*, *ṣaḥida*, *ṣaḥima*, *ṣaniba*, *ṣarida*, *ṣanuḥa*, *laḡiba*, *lazuba* and *hayifa*, which makes their synonymy with the II stem even more striking. Neo-Arabic has also shunned these items most of the time, but there are some similar cases left, e.g., Iraqi: *tallaḡ* “to be or become frozen”, *ḥaḍḍar* “to turn green”, *ḥaḡḡaz* “to grow old”, *ḥaffan* “to rot”, *ḡayyam* “to become cloudy”, *gabbah* “to be unpleasant”, Egyptian: *azzim* “to become critical”, *ḥaṣṣib* “to become rigid”, *darrin* “to become very dirty”, *sabbīn* “to become full of nits”, *ṣaddaḡ* “to become fat”, *ḥaqqal* “to become knotty”, *qammil* “to become infested with lice”, etc.

¹⁰ See Corriente 1976 on their characteristic operating ways. Their main guide-lines were analogy (*qiyās*, preferred by the Kufans) and prestigious usage (*samāḥ*, preferred by the Basrans), which allowed them to attain a remarkable high rate of preservation of archaic traits, considering that they could or would not avail themselves of comparison with other Semitic tongues. In this manner, they rejected *taltalah* (i.e., vocalization with /i/ o the imperfective prefixes, almost general at the time, as later in Neo-Arabic, but violating the analogy with cases where /a/ was preserved before pharyngeal and kindred phonemes), and most forms shortened by the action of strong stress (*iddiḡām*, even when supported by the Qurʾānic text, like *ittāqala*, *izzayana*, etc., see Corriente [1976: 64, fn. 1]), but they would also miss the mark completely sometimes, as in the case of the “verbs of praise and blame” *niḥma* and *biḥsa*, or the endorsement of {*mu-*} as mark of the participles in all the derived stems, instead of Proto-Semitic {*ma-*}, about which see Corriente 1979, etc.

non-geminate stems (as in Ge^{Cez}, Modern South Arabian¹¹ and, in all likelihood, Epigraphic South Arabian¹²). It is obvious that the adoption of one of these two morphological devices would make the other redundant and lead to its forsaking, as proven historically by the absence of moods marked by suffixes in Ge^{Cez}, and by the metanalysis of geminate imperfectives in Arabic as II stems. In addition to this structural reshuffle, there were probably two other triggering factors in the abandonment of the geminate imperfectives in the linguistic mind of Arabic speakers, namely, the poor distinction allowed between their shape and that of verbs of the II stem¹³, and a socio-linguistic based urge to differentiate themselves from former speakers of South Arabian trying to shift to North Arabian, who were many before and after the emergence of Islam¹⁴, and most likely bent on introducing {*yv1a22i3*} forms where the North Arabian required {*yv12v3u*} or even {*yv1a22i3u*}. This would have led to the gradual abandonment of such a redundant mark or, alternatively, to its being analysed as a mere morph of an imperfective of a II stem. Lexicographers, however, who were, by the very nature of their field work, much more tuned than grammarians to usage, rather than to theory, did not reject a large number of those pseudo-II stems, and may even have automatically supplied geminate perfectives for those intransitive, stative and qualitative verbs of which they perhaps heard only the geminate imperfectives¹⁵. Although it cannot be altogether excluded that their

¹¹ See Johnstone [1975: 13-14 and 17]. As for the subjunctive in *-(ə)n*, first detected by that author, it might point to a parallel situation of clash between two sets of marks.

¹² This point is debated in Bauer [1966: 73-77].

¹³ A similar situation would endanger the survival of the IV stem, barely distinguishable in the imperfective from the I stem, as the /u/ vocalization of its prefix (probably taken from the participial {*mu-*} in the II, III and IV stems, as an additional distinctive device of forms that were felt as insufficiently marked) was not generally shared by all dialects. However, the grammarians adopted this innovation in order to maintain that mark at least, thus keeping alive the prestigious IV stem, but this could not prevent its nearly total decay in Neo-Arabic, and almost general replacement by the II stem. It is a moot question whether an overt morphological distinction existed between Old Arabic geminate imperfectives of the I stem and the imperfectives of the II stem, as in the case of the Akkadian presents of the G (*iparras*, *ipaqqid*, *irappud*) and D stems (*uparras*, by means of the prefix vowel) or in the imperfectives of Ge^{Cez} (*yeqattel* vs. *yeqāttel*), as it is widely known that the prefix vowel was very unstable in the old and modern North Arabian dialects, where all vowels are often distorted by consonantic and vocalic assimilations. As a consequence thereof, mere vocalic oppositions were necessarily felt as inefficient marks, and have disappeared consequently and almost thoroughly from all forms of Neo-Arabic.

¹⁴ Curiously enough, most dialectologists have paid little attention to the impact on the evolution of Arabic of this historically well-documented linguistic merger of Northern and Southern Arabs, which must have introduced many creolized forms into North Arabian and probably was the true cause for the emergence of Western Arabic (after Corriente [2003: 188]). Exceptions to that widespread neglect are Rabin 1984 and Belova 1996, which we reviewed in EDNA 2 (1997).

¹⁵ The evolution of the old stative in West Semitic into a perfective “tense”, integrating a diastem with the imperfective is an established fact, which meant the addition of an imperfective to each former stative and of a perfective to each former active verb. However, the former statives offered some semantic resistance to the imperfective nuances, as exhibited clearly by Arabic qualitative verbs like *ḥasuna* “to be good”, *kabura* “to be big”, etc., often used in the perfective to express ingressive acquisition of the quality or universal predication not even excluding the present, e.g. *ḥasuna ulāʿika rafīqan* “those are excellent as

leveling as fullfledged II stems would have taken place in the dialects already, in spite of the fact that Neo-Arabic evidence does not bear out such a hypothesis.

What has been the outcome of that situation in Neo-Arabic? We have checked the lexica of several Neo-Arabic dialects, only to obtain a much meager harvest of such doublets, as could be expected, if only because the huge contents of Classical dictionaries is the accumulated outcome of a host of surveys of many Old Arabic dialects, not just one or a few, obtained by many lexicographers through extensive and intensive elicitation efforts carried on for centuries. Nevertheless, the number of items appears yet to be significant for Andalusí (a conservative old Western dialect bundle; see Appendix II), quite scarce in Iraqí Arabic (mostly Muslim Baghdadi, a new Eastern dialect of Bedouin origin; see Appendix III), as well as in Syrian Arabic (see Appendix IV), and moderately scarce in Yemeni Arabic (see Appendix Va/b)¹⁶ and Maltese (see Appendix VI).

But former geminate imperfectives masked as II stem verbs are not the only give-away traces left in Arabic by this morphological feature common, as we see now, to every member of South Semitic, among other traits peculiar to this subgroup or occasionally shared with other Semitic subgroups. The so-called hybrid stems of dialectal Arabic, already surveyed by Brockelmann [1908: I 540-544], and explained by him as *Kreuzungen*, appear to be particularly frequent in Western Arabic¹⁷, and to involve combinations, above all, of the marks of the II and, much less often, III stems with those of the X and VII. In our survey of these cases, we have found no cases of this kind in Iraqí and Yemeni, only a few in Andalusí¹⁸, and quite a lot in

companions" (Qur. IV 69), *ḥasunāt murtafaqan* "they are excellent as resting places" (ibid. XVIII 31), *kaburāt kalimatan taḥruḡu min afwāḥihim* "such a word pronounced by their mouths is awful" (ibid. XVIII 5), *kabura maqtan ʿinda llāhi* "it is hateful before God" (ibid. XL 35 and LXI 3), *lākin baʿudat ʿalayhimi ššuqqatu* "but the goal is far from their reach" (ibid. IX 42). The same is obvious in the uninflected verbs of praise and blame, some auxiliary verbs like *kāna*, *ʿāda*, *māzāla*, *kāda*, *ʿasā*, etc.

¹⁶ This scarcity matches well with our hypothesis about the origin of Western Arabic, since former speakers of South Arabian were better equipped, upon shifting to North Arabian, to distinguish between genuine II stems and mere geminate imperfectives, assuming that their language, like Geʿez, had developed some kind of morphological distinction between them. That would not have been so in the case of dialects, like Andalusí, where Yemenite ingredients were abundant though not exclusive, or (Muslim Baghdadi) Iraq, with a predominant North Arabian basis.

¹⁷ Including Egyptian Arabic which is known to have been reabsorbed by Eastern Arabic. A few rare Syrian Arabic examples do not basically affect the overall picture of this abnormal feature as exclusive of Western Neo-Arabic. Even for Maltese, Sutcliffe [1949: 276] mentions the cases of *stalla* "to step", *stenna* "to await", *sthajjel* "to imagine" and *stkerah* "to abhor", while Aquilina [1965: 163] posits the patterns *{staktab}* and *{stakattab}* as alternative and provides a further example, *stharreġ* "to inquire". Although the X stem is not frequent in Maltese, we have found two further instances in Aquilina [1987-90], *stehewwa* "to lust" and *stqajjar* "to recover one's senses"

¹⁸ See Corriente [1977: 105-105, fn. 164], with the examples *nandárab*, *nančaráá*, already interpreted by Brockelmann as hybrid (VII + III), and Corriente [1992: 100], which adds the case of *nanğarrà* "to dare" (VII + II). As for cases like *nattāḥad* "to be taken", *nattāḥar* "to be delayed", *nattādam* "to eat with bread", *yattākal* "to be eaten", *nattāğar* "to deal" and *yattāwi* "to agree", the abnormal *alif*, usually carrying the stress, suggests a combination of VIII + III (cf. also Syrian *yattākal* "être mangé", *yʿāmen* "croire" which puzzled Barthélemy). However, this appearance of a III stem marker in our interpretation, supported by alternancy of II and III

Egyptian, most of the time without any conclusive semantic link with the usual connotation of II (= intensive) and III (= cooperative) stem verbs, as can be seen in Appendix V. Therefore, in our view, such cases would not be truly hybrid, but simple instances of defunctionalized survival of older imperfectives marked by either a geminate second consonant or a lengthened first vowel.

The immediate conclusion of this survey is, therefore, that Old Arabic dialects had indeed shared the geminate imperfective characteristic of the whole South Semitic subgroup, although it was in its way out by the time when Arabic grammarians set the rules of the Classical koine, on account of its weak markedness, and being replaced at a fast pace by the alternative desinential system. Therefore, diachronically speaking, the absence of geminate imperfectives cannot be counted as an argument in favour of the Central Semitic hypothesis, in the same way as the frequent departures of Israeli Hebrew or Amharic from the Semitic phonemic or syntactical patterns do not allow to group them with any other linguistic family.

However, when discussing the geminate imperfectives of Semitic one should not forget the previous analysis of this point carried out by Rundgren 1959, from the wider viewpoint of the comparative verbal morphology of the whole Semitic family. His main and most original contribution is, no doubt, the idea that the geminate imperfectives of Ethiopic, as well as the morphemically look-alike Akkadian present, would not necessarily be a shared conservative feature continuing the original state of affairs in Proto-Semitic and, therefore, creating a certain connection between Akkadian and South Semitic of the kind so dear to the proponents of a “Peripheral Semitic”. Instead, they would be instances, perhaps or probably unrelated, of reutilization of the intensive marker which, by itself and in contrast with its absence, would constitute a particular evolution of the Proto-Semitic “tense” system, basically distinguishing “to be” from “to happen” (*Stativ* vs. *Fiens* = *konstativ* vs. *kursiv* = “quietness” vs. “movement”, even connected with intransitiveness vs. transitivity)¹⁹. A static conception of quality, state or even action can easily be identified with a merely verified fact, while continuity implies a lasting course of action, not necessarily situated in subjective time, but easily identified with imperfect, present or iterative nuances. According to this, the geminate tense is at the origin of two diverging lines of evolution in the Semitic verbal dia-system: towards an intensive kind of action in opposition to a non-intensive tense (i.e., the D stems of North East Semitic), or towards an imperfective, opposable to a perfective (as in South Semitic).

Rundgren’s two-pronged hypothesis is confirmed both by the abandonment of geminate imperfectives in Arabic, where the intensive character of the II stem prevails, and by the fading away of the this nuance, as well as the conative character of the III stem in Ethiopic argued by the Swedish scholar²⁰. Even the case of Akkadian, a

stems in Andalusí Arabic [Corriente 1977: 103, fn. 160] and by Zaborski’s hypothesis, could simply point to an alternative marking of the geminate imperfective by lengthening the vowel before the 2nd consonant of the root, instead of geminating it, as in Modern South Arabian [Johnstone 1975: 13-14 and 17] and in the II = III stem verbs of Maltese from roots having *h* or *gh* in their second position [Sutcliffe 1949: 84].

¹⁹ These views are totally adopted by Diakonoff [1988: 85] as valid for the whole Afro-Asiatic phylum.

²⁰ E.g., op. cit., p. 52: “Wie schon Dillmann hervorgehoben hat, gibt es im Ge‘ez “nur sehr wenige Wurzeln, von denen der erste und zweite Stamm zugleich im Gebrauch ist” (Dillmann-Bezold, *Grammatik*, s. 132), p. 53: “Eine Durchmusterung des altäthiopischen Lexikons

language conspicuously diverging from its Semitic sisters on many points and, in this particular issue, exhibiting a much debated three tense system (present, preterite and perfect, in addition to stative), Rundgren remind us (p. 54) of the many cases of nearly total loss of the intensive meaning, proving that the geminate intensives had been re-utilized²¹.

It is beyond the scope of this paper and our competence to delve into the depths of Comparative Afro-Asiatic Linguistics in the search of further proofs of the tight and logical connection between continuity of action and intensive meaning, as the Semitic grounds appear to be more than sufficient for our present purpose. However, we would not omit a comparison with at least Berber, another linguistic family within the Afro-Asiatic phylum so closely related to Semitic that some scholars have been in favour of including it in this group, an indeed too daring proposal. Berber grammars enumerate, as derived stems of the verb, the factitive, reciprocal, passive (respectively matching the Arabic IV, VI and VII stems) and habitative forms (in French, “forme d’habitude”), defined by Laoust [1939: 141] as conveying “une idée de fréquence, d’intensité ou d’actualité dans l’action ou dans l’état”. The same outstanding Berber scholar explains next (pp. 148-156) that the habitative form is overtly marked: a) by insertion of /a/, /i/ or /u/ in the basic stem (or aorist)²², b) by prefixation of /t/, and c) by gemination of one of the root consonants, most often the second one, with results phonetically very much like the Arabic II stem, in the same way as the procedures a) and b) also invite phonetic comparison with the Arabic III and VIII stems. Functionally, we would not press the case in favour of an equation of III and II, leaving this matter in our colleague Zaborski’s skilled hands, nor are we going to undertake a detailed survey of the functions of directional marker /t/²³, but one can hardly forego the conclusion that geminate Berber habitative forms and geminate South Semitic imperfectives have in common both the marker and the meaning.

zeigt nämlich, daß die alte Intensivform *qattala* sehr selten vorkommt, wo es von dem betreffenden Verbum eine *qatala* gibt”, fn. 2: “Wenn von einem Verbum sich ein *qattala* neben *qatala* findet, so besteht meist kein wesentlicher Bedeutungsunterschied mehr”, and p. 59: “Obwohl diese Stammform eine echte südsemitische Bildung dargestellt, hat sie schon im alt-äthiopischen ihre Funktion innerhalb des Systems fast ganz aufgegeben ... Zu äthiop. *qatala*, *qattala*, *qāṭala* bemerkt Cohen mit Recht: dès le guèze la distinction: simple-intensif-conatif ne fonctionne plus morphologiquement au thème simple (BSL 33, s. 199)”.

²¹ Akkadian grammars do not disown this concept. E.g., Ungnad-Matouš [1964: 75] lists the factitive, denominative, resultative and object pluralizing functions of the D stem, but also cases of intransitive verbs with durative meaning having only this stem, like *quṣṣim* “to wait”, *kullum* “to hold”, etc.

²² The selection of that vowel appears to be conditioned by harmony to a great extent, above all in the cases of /i/ and /u/. Although Laoust is describing the grammar of the dialects of Central Morocco, this chapter has validity for the entire Berber group.

²³ Wright [I 42] had already realized that “in not a few verbs the first and eight forms agree ... so closely in their signification, that they may be translated by the same word”, while Fleisch [II 309-315] reports the native grammarians’ views on whether or not the VIII stem had any additional meaning in such cases, which is also reflected by Grande [132].

Appendix I (Classical Arabic, from
Kazimirski)

ab(b)ara “féconder un palmier femelle”
ab(b)aša “ramasser, rassembler d’un côté et d’autre”
atala “s’enraciner”, *attala* “se raffermir”
at(t)ama “trouver quelqu’un coupable”
ağala “mettre un terme” = *ağğala* “assigner un terme”
aḥḥa “tousse”, *aḥḥaḥa* “faire ahha, ahha! (comme fait celui qui tousse)”
aḥ(h)aḍa “prendre, saisir”
ad(d)ana “informer (quelqu’un de quelque chose)”
ar(r)aba “serrer (un noeud)”
ar(r)aṭa “allumer le feu”
ar(r)ağā “semer la discorde”
ar(r)aḥa “mettre la date”
ar(r)asa “être laboureur”
ar(r)à “attacher”
asā = *assā* “consoler; guérir”
ašaba “mêler, embrouiller”, *aššaba* “entrelacer”
aš(š)ara “scier; denteler”
at(t)ara “courber”
aṭama “cacher, dérober à la vue”, *aṭtama* “couvrir, voiler”
affa(fa) “s’écrier *uff*”
af(f)aka “mentir, forger un mensonge”
alifa = *allafa* “joindre, réunir”
am(m)ata “deviner (la quantité)”
am(m)ala “espérer”
amina = *ammana* “avoir confiance en quelqu’un”
āda = *awwada* “courber, plier”
āha = *awwaha* “s’écrier ah!, gémir”
aw(w)à “recevoir quelqu’un chez soi”

batta(ta) “couper”
bat(t)aka “couper”
bat(t)ala “couper”
ba(t)aqā = “rompre le rivage”

bağ(ğ)asa “faire couler”
bağ(ğ)ama “se ramasser”
bad(d)ala “changer, remplacer”
baḍ(ḍ)ara “dispenser, disséminer”
bar(r)ada “refraichir”
bar(r)aḍa “faire à peine germer les plantes”
bar(r)aka “s’agenouiller”
baz(z)ala “fendre”
bas(s)ata “étendre”
baš(š)ara “réjouir quelqu’un par une bonne nouvelle”
baḍ(ḍ)aḥa “couper”
ba(t)ana “frapper quelqu’un au ventre”
baʿ(ʿ)ağā “causer des blessures au cœur”
baʿ(ʿ)aqa “égorger”
bağ(ğ)ala “diffamer”
baq(q)aḥa “s’écarter”
bak(k)ara “être matinal”
bak(k)ala “mêler”
balla(la) “mouiller”
bal(l)aḥa “être las, fatigué”
balada “tenir à un lieu”, *ballada* “se coller fortement à la terre”
bal(l)aṭa “paver”
ban(n)aša “être mou dans l’action”
ban(n)à “engraisser”
bah(h)ağā “égayer”
bāsa “précéder, *bawwaša* “devancer les autres”
bāa “faire quelque chose pendant la nuit”, *bayyata* “s’occuper de q. ch. pendant la nuit”

tab(b)ana “regarder fixément”
tamma(ma) “finir”
tan(n)aḥa “s’arrêter, séjourner”
tāḥa = *tayyaḥa* “tremper”
tāma = *tayyama* “réduire en esclavage”

ṭab(b)ata “persister”
ṭab(b)ara “rétenir, éloigner”
ṭab(b)ata “détourner, éloigner”
ṭab(b)à “réunir”
ṭar(r)aba “réprimander”
ṭar(r)ada “tremper la soupe”

- tafā* = *taffā* “appuyer, caler une marmite”, “placer un trépied ou des pierres sous la marmite”.
taq(q)afa “redresser”
taq(q)ala “render pesant”
tal(l)aṭa “être troisième”
tamma(ma) “marcher dessus”
tāba = *tawwaba* “retourner”
tawā “accueillir”, *tawwā* “héberger”
- ḡaʕ(ʕ)afa* “effrayer”
ḡab(b)ara “faire à quelqu’un un mauvais accueil”
ḡah(h)ana “nourrir mal sa famille”
ḡah(h)ara “élargir l’orifice d’un puits”
ḡad(d)aḥa “brouiller, mêler une médecine”
ḡad(d)ara “s’élever (des plantes), “se former (fruits)”
ḡad(d)aʕa “mutiler quelqu’un”
ḡad(d)ala “jeter, renverser”
ḡar(r)ada “ôter, peler”
ḡar(r)afa “enlever”
ḡaz(z)aʕa “partager, diviser”
ḡaz(z)ama “se taire; remplir (une outre)”
ḡaš(s)aʕa “roter”
ḡaḍḍa(da) “fondre sur quelqu’un”
ḡaʕ(ʕ)afa “ramasser”
ḡaf(f)ala “enlever (l’écorce)”
ḡalla(la) “couvrir d’une housse”
ḡal(l)aba “crier; faire marcher en criant”
ḡal(l)ada “écorcher”
ḡal(l)aza “entourer (d’une courroie)”
ḡalā = *ḡallā* “découvrir”
ḡamma(ma) “approcher (le temps)”
ḡam(m)ara “se rassembler”
ḡam(m)ala “fonder, liquifier”
ḡan(n)aba “éloigner, écarter”
ḡanā = *ḡannā* “cueillir (un fruit)”
ḡāda = *ḡawwada* “être rapide à la course”
ḡāda = *ḡayyaḍa* “biaiser; se sauver”
ḡāfa = *ḡayyafa* “exhaler une odeur fétide”
- ḥab(b)ara* “faire une belle chose”
- ḥab(b)asa* “affecter à des usages pieux, envelopper et serrer”
ḥab(b)aša “rassembler”
ḥat(t)ara “ralonger le pan de la tente en y cousant une pièce”
ḥat(ta)ta “exciter, pousser”
ḥaḡ(ḡ)aba “dérober aux regards”
ḥaḡ(ḡ)ana “recourber”
ḥadda(da) “aiguïser”
ḥad(d)aḡa “regarder d’un oeil fixe et scrutateur”
ḥar(r)ada “se proposer quelque chose”
ḥar(r)ama “défendre, prohiber”
ḥaz(z)ana “attrister”
ḥazā = *ḥazzā* “faire partir les oiseaux pour tirer des augures”
ḥas(s)ada “porter envie à quelqu’un”
ḥaš(s)ada “rassembler”
ḥašama “fâcher”, *ḥaššama* “mettre en colère”
ḥaš(s)aba “couvrir de petits cajous”
ḥaš(s)ana “vivre vertueusement”
ḥat(t)ama “casser”
ḥaffa(fa) “entourer, envelopper”
ḥaqq(a)qa “s’assurer de la vérité d’une chose”
ḥaḡara “mépriser”, *ḥaqqara* “regarder avec mépris”
ḥal(l)ā “orner”
ḥamma(ma) “chauffer”
ḥam(m)aša “rassembler”
ḥam(m)ā “protéger”
ḥaniba = *ḥannaba* “avoir les parties minces du tarse convexes”
ḥan(n)aṭa “embaumer”
ḥan(n)aka “instruire; manger en broyant contre le palais”
ḥan(n)ā “courber”
ḥāša = *ḥawwaša* “rassembler”
ḥaw(w)ā “rassembler”
- ḥabba(ba)* “séduire”
ḥab(b)ala “déranger”
ḥat(t)ama “cacheter”
ḥat(t)ama “aplatir”
ḥadda(da) “fendre”
ḥad(d)ara “garder (une fille)”
ḥad(d)ala “abandonner”
ḥar(r)aṭa “purger”

ḥar(r)ama “découdre”
ḥaz(z)aʿa “couper”
ḥas(s)ara “perdre”
ḥaṣṣa(ṣa) “affecter particulièrement”
ḥaḥa “tracer des lignes”, *ḥaḥaḥa* “rayer”
ḥaḥ(t)afa “enlever”
ḥaḥ(t)ama “museler”
ḥaf(f)ara “protéger”
ḥaf(f)asa “boire”
ḥaf(f)aṣā “être débile”
ḥaf(f)aḍa “baisser”
ḥal(l)ada “rester dans un lieu”
ḥalaṣa “préserver du mal = *ḥallaṣa* “sauver d’un mal”
ḥal(l)aʿa “ôter; déplacer”
ḥalā = *ḥallā* “quitter”
ḥam(m)ara “couvrir”
ḥam(m)ana “déterminer par conjecture”
ḥan(n)aḥa “ployer”
ḥan(n)asa “cacher”
ḥan(n)aqa “étrangler”
ḥāra = *ḥawwara* “être faible”
ḥāra = *ḥayyara* “préférer”
ḥāta = *ḥayyata* “coudre”
ḥāla = *ḥayyala* “s’imaginer”
dab(b)ara “rapporter (des paroles) après sa mort”
dab(b)ala “faire une grande bouchée”
daḡ(ḡ)ala “enduire”
daḥ(h)aṣa “examiner”
dar(r)asa “lire; étudier”
daʿ(ʿ)asa “percer avec une lance”
daʿā = *daʿcā* “appeler”
daḡ(ḡ)ama “écrasser le nez”
daffa(fa) “se jeter sur un homme blessé ou malade pour l’achever”
dakka(ka) “mélanger”
dalā = *dallā* “faire descendre à l’aide d’une corde”
damma(ma) “enduire”
dam(m)aḡa “entrer”
dam(m)ara “perdre, anéantir”
dam(m)asa “cacher”
danna(na) “bourdonner”
dan(n)aḥa “être abject et méprisé”
danā = *dannā* “s’approcher”
dah(h)ana “oindre”

dāḥa = *dawwaḥa* “soumettre”
dāda = *dawwada* “être véreux”
dāra = *dawwara* “promener quelqu’un”
dāma = *dawwama* “voltiger, tourbillonner (l’oiseau)”
daw(w)ā “bourdonner”
daʿ(ʿ)aba “coiffer en toupet”
dab(b)ara “écrire, copier”
dar(r)aba “aiguiser”
dar(r)aḥa “empoisonner de mouches cantharides”
dar(r)aʿa “étendre les bras”
darā = *darrā* “enlever (le vent)”
daffa(fa) “survenir rapidement (pour achever un homme blessé)”
dakā = *dakkā* “égorger”
dal(l)aqa “aiguiser”
damma(ma) “blamer”
danna(na) “être morveux”
dāqa = *dawwaqa* “tirer la corde de l’arc”
rabba(ba) “élever un jeune homme”
rab(b)aʿa “enlever, ôter”
rab(b)ata “élever un jeune homme”
rat(t)ana “mêler”
ratā = *ratā* “pleurer quelqu’un dans une élégie”
raḡ(ḡ)aba “vénérer”
raḡ(ḡ)aza “composer un poème sur le mètre *raḡaz*”
raḡaʿa “répéter”, *raḡḡaʿa* “répéter le son”
raḡ(ḡ)ana “tenir à l’écurie”
raḡā = *raḡḡā* “espérer”
rad(d)afa “suivre quelqu’un”
rad(d)ama “raccommoder”
raz(z)aza “polir, lisser”
rasiʿa = *rassaʿa* “avoir les paupières malades”
raṣṣa(ṣa) “asperger”
raš(š)ama “écrire”
raṣṣa(ṣa) “ajuster deux objets”
raḥ(h)aba “donner a quelqu’un des dates mûres”
raḥaḥa “soupeser”, *raḥḥaḥa* “peser dans la balance”
raʿ(ʿ)aba “roucouler”

- raġama* “humilier”, *raġġama* “vexer”
raġā = *raġġā* “être couvert d’écume”
rafaʿa = *raf(f)aʿa* “élever, hausser”
raf(f)ala “augmenter la quantité de l’eau dans le puits”
raqaša “peindre avec deux ou trois couleurs, *raqqaša* “embellir”
raq(q)aʿa “rapiecer”
raq(q)ama “écrire; brocher”
raq(q)ana “teindre en rouge avec le henna”
rak(k)ala “donner des coups de pied”
ram(m)aḍa “paître sur un sol brûlé”
ram(m)ala “tresser fin”
ran(n)aʿa “secouer la tête”
ran(n)ama “chanter”
rah(h)aṭa “être réuni”
rāḥa = *rawwaḥa* “aller chez quelqu’un le soir”
rāḍa = *rawwaḍa* “dresser”
rāʿa = *rawwaʿa* “faire peur”
raw(w)à “réfléchir”
rāša = *rayyaša* “garnir de plumes”
- zabba(ba)* “être près du coucher (le soleil)”
zab(b)ara “copier”
zaġā “pousser”, *zaġġā* “pousser doucement”
zahafa “être vantard”, *zahḥafa* “parler beaucoup trop”
zar(r)afa “être bavard”
zar(r)ama “interrompre”
zaġiba = *zaġġaba* “être couvert du duvet”
zak(k)ata “remplir l’outre”
zak(k)ara “remplir”
zak(k)ama “enrhumer”
zal(l)aqa “raser (la tête)”
zal(l)ama “remplir”
zam(m)ara “jouer de *zammārah*”
zam(m)ala “prendre/mettre quelqu’un en croupe”
zanna(na) “penser telle ou telle chose”
zan(n)ada “faire jaillir le feu”
zan(n)aqa “nourrir mal sa famille”
zaw(w)à “se retirer (loin du monde)”
zāfa = *zayyafa* “adulterer, falsifier”
zāna = *zayyana* “orner”
- sab(b)aḥa* “louer Dieu”
sab(b)aḥa “dormir d’un sommeil profond”
sab(b)ada “raser le poil”
sab(b)aka “fonder”
saġ(ġ)aḥa “insinuer”
saġara “verser, vider”, *saġġara* “faire couler”
saġ(ġ)aʿa “parler avec des assonances”
saġ(ġ)ala “jeter de haut en bas”
saġama “laisser couler”, *saġġama* “verser”
saḥ(h)ara “tromper”
saḥā = *saḥḥā* “relier avec parchemin”
saḥ(a)ra “focer quelqu’un de travailler sans le payer”
sarra(ra) “réjouir”
sar(r)aʿa “être très prolifique”
sar(r)aġa “tresser les cheveux”
sar(r)aḥa “laisser aller paître librement”
sar(r)ada “percer”
sarā = *sarrā* “jeter ses habits par terre”
saṭ(ṭ)aḥa “aplatir”
saṭ(ṭ)ara “écrire”
saʿ(ʿ)ara “allumer”
saf(f)ara “museler un chameau”
saq(q)aʿa “s’en aller”
saq(q)afa “couvrir d’un toit”
saq(q)à “arroser les champs”
sal(l)aʿa “fendre”
sam(m)ata “poursuivre toujours le chemin”
sam(m)ara “couper le lait avec de l’eau”
sam(m)aṭa “se taire”
sam(m)ala “n’amener que fort peu”
sam(m)ana “fournir du beurre à quelqu’un”
sanna(n)a “aiguiser”
sawisa = *sawwasa* “être ataqué par les vers”
sāta = *sawwata* “mélanger”
sāfa = *sawwafa* “flairer”
sāqa = *sawwafa* “mener”
sāka = *sawwaka* “curer”

sāma = *sawwama* “imposer à quelqu’un une chose”

šab(b)ara “mesurer à l’empan”

šabiʿa “être rassasié”, *šabbaʿa* “être presque rassasié”

šab(b)aka “passer une chose dans l’autre”

šab(b)ama “bâillonner”

šatta(ta) “séparer”

šat(t)ara “injurier”

šatā = *šattā* “passer l’hiver”

šaḡ(ḡ)ana “attrister”

šah(h)aḏa “aiguiser”

šahina “garder une rancune”, *šahḥana* “hair quelqu’un”

šadda(da) “raffermir”

šadaqa “grandir”, *šaddaqa* “avoir grandi”

šaḏ(ḏa)da “séparer”

šaḏ(ḏ)aba “ôter l’écorce”

šarra(ra) “exposer au soleil”

šar(r)aḡa “mêler”

šar(r)aḥa “dilater”

šaraḥa “faire une scarification”, *šarraḥa* “scarifier”

šarafa “créneler”, *šarrafa* “surmonter de créneaux”

šarā = *šarrā* “sécher”

šaš(s)ara “passer le bois *šišār* dans les narines du chameau”

šaṭṭa(ta) “aller trop loin”

šaṭ(t)ara “partager en deux parties égales”

šaṭ(t)aḥa “laver”

šaḏza(za) “dispenser”

šaʿ(ʿ)aba “séparer”

šaʿ(ʿ)ara “garnir de poil”

šaʿ(ʿ)ala “allumer (le feu)”

šaḡ(ḡ)aba “exciter les uns contre les autres”

šaf(f)ara “causer une lésion aux bords du vagin”

šak(k)aḏa “donner quelque chose”

šak(k)ala “devenir obscur”

šamma(ma) “flairer”

šam(m)ara “ramasser”

šam(m)aḥa “mêler”

šanaʿa “deshonorer”, *šannaʿa* “diffamer”

šah(h)ara “divulguer”

šahā “desirer ardemment”, *šahḥa* “aimer quelque chose”

šāba = *šawwaba* “éloigner un mal”

šāra = *šawwara* “manier, manipuler”

šāša = *šawwaša* “frotter (les dents)”

šāka = *šawwaka* “finir en pointe”

šaw(w)ā “rôtir”

šāḥa = *šayyaḥa* “être vieillard”

šāda = *šayyada* “élever”

šāna = *šayyana* “rendre villain”

šab(b)aḡa “teindre”

šad(d)aʿa “enlever la rouille”

šad(d)ara “s’avancer”

šad(d)aʿa “fendre”

šad(d)aqa “être sincère”

šadā = *šaddā* “batter des mains”

šaraḥa “exposer clairement”, *šarraḥa* “dire clairement”

šar(r)aḥa “boire du vin (pur)”

šar(r)ama “couper”

šaʿda = *šaʿada* “gravir”

šaf(f)aḥa “aplatir”

šaf(f)ada “lier, serer avec une corde”

šaf(f)ara “siffler”

šaf(f)aqa “conclure un marché”

šaḡ(q)ara “allumer”

šal(l)aba “pendre, crucifier”

šal(l)ama “mutiler quelqu’un en lui arrachant le nez ou les oreilles”

šalā = *šallā* “approcher du feu”

šam(m)ata “se taire”

šam(m)ada “se rendre, se diriger vers quelqu’un”

šāta = *šawwata* “pousser un cri”

šāʿa “dispenser”, *šawwaʿa* “séparer deux choses en les écartant”

šaw(w)ā “se dessécher”

šāḥa = *šayyaḥa* “crier”

šāša = *šayyaša* “produire des dattes de mauvaise espèce”

ḏabba(ba) “prendre avec toute la main”

ḏaḡ(ḡ)aʿa “pencher vers le coucher”

ḏar(r)aba “mêler”

ḏar(r)asa “mordre avec force”

ḏaʿ(ʿ)aḥa “porter au double”

ḏaf(f)ara “tresser”

- dam(m)ada* “bander, panser”
ḍāḥa = *ḍawwaḥa* “être vide / desert”
- tabba(ba)* “consolider une outré (avec une courroie)”
tab(b)aʿa “remplir”
tab(b)aqā “couvrir”
taṭ(t)ara “être gras (le lait)”
taḥ(h)ana “moudre”
tar(r)aḥa “jeter avec force”
tar(r)ada “poursuivre”
tassa(sa) “s’écloigner”
taʿīma = *taʿcama* “être rempli de moëlle”
taffa(fa) “déployer les ailes”
taff(f)ala “habituer à teter”
tal(l)aḥa “fatiguer”
tal(l)asa “effacer”
tal(l)aʿa “produire la spathe; commencer à avoir la spathe; gravir”
talā = *tallā* “oindre”
ṭanna(na) “rendre un son métallique”
ṭaniba = *ṭannaba* “être long du dos”
ṭāḥa = *ṭayyaḥa* “salir”
ṭāna = *ṭayyana* “enduire de boue”
- zaff(f)ara* “égratigner”
zah(h)ara “jeter par dessus l’épaule, négliger”
- cab(b)aʿa* = *cabā* = *cabbā* “arranger”
cab(b)ara “passer, traverser”
cab(b)asa “prendre une expression severe”
cab(b)ala “dépouiller de feuillage”
cat(t)aqā “mordre”
caṭ(t)ana “fumer (le feu)”
caḡaḡa “manger moins qu’on n’a envie”, *caḡḡaḡa* “manger peu”
caḡila = *caḡḡala* “se hâter”
caḡ(ḡ)ama “marquer de points diacritiques”
caḡā = *caḡḡā* “tordre la bouche, faire une grimace”
cadda(da) “compter”
cadaqa “plonger la main”, *caddaqa* “plonger un grappin”
cad(d)ala “rendre droit”
cad(d)ana “fumer la terre avec l’engrais”
- cadā* = *caddā* “détourner”
cad(d)aba “empêcher d’approcher”
cad(d)ara “circoncire”
cad(d)aqā “dépouiller un palmier de dates”
cad(d)ala “blamer”
carra(ra) “fumer, mettre de l’engrais”
carida = *carrada* “s’enfuir”
car(r)aṣa “construire une maison en bois”
car(r)aḍa “exposer”
caz(z)ara “blamer”
caz(z)ala “écloigner”
cas(s)ara “venir du côté gauche”
cas(s)ala “sucrer avec du miel”
caššā(ša) “avoir la tige et les branches minces”
caš(š)ana “énoncer une opinion”
cašā = *caššā* “souper; paître pendant la nuit”
caṣ(s)aba “panser”
caṣā = *caṣṣā* “donner un baton”
cad(d)ala “empêcher son mari de prendre une autre femme”
cad(d)aha “couper des branches du *ḡidāḥ*”
caḍā = *caḍḍā* “dépécer (un mouton)”
caṭta(ta) “fendre”
caṭ(t)afa “plier”
caṭ(t)ana “préparer le cuir à l’aide des substances corrosives”
caff(f)ara “enfouir, ensevelir”
caff(f)aqā “réunir”
caff(f)ana “gâter (la viande)”
caḡā = *caffā* “effacer”
caq(q)aba “suivre quelqu’un”
caq(q)ada “nouer, lier”
caq(q)ara “couper les jarrets à une bête”
caq(q)afa “courber, cambrer”
cak(k)afa “tresser ses cheveux”
cak(k)ama “être très gros et gras”
cak(k)ā “mourir”
cal(l)ab/ta “marquer”
cal(l)aqā “enlever, cueillir”
calā = *callā* “monter sur quelque chose”
cam(m)ata “rouler la laine en flacons”

Cam(m)ada “étayer, appuyer”
Cam(m)ara “entretenir (pays, maison)”
Canna(na) “attacher les rênes au mors”
Can(n)asa “être vieille fille”
Canufa = *Cannada* “être dur envers quelqu’un”
Cāga = *Cawwaḡa* “rendre cambré, courber”
Cāra = *Cawwara* “rendre quelqu’un lorgne”
Cāla = *Cawwala* “crier, faire des lamentations”
Cāna “être d’un âge moyen, *Cawwana* “commencer à être d’un âge moyen”
Caw(w)à “relever un mésonge”
Cāba = *Cayyaba* “gâter, altérer”

ḡab(b)ana “tromper”
ḡad/dā “nourrir quelqu’un”, *ḡaddā* = *ḡaddā* “donner quelque chose à manger”
ḡarra(ra) “aveugler (relativement à quelque chose)”
ḡar(r)aba “s’écarter”
ḡar(r)ada “chanter (un oiseau)”
ḡar(r)aza “enfoncez, plonger la queue dans la terre pour y pondre”
ḡar(r)aḡa “cueillir une chose toute fraîche”
ḡarā = *ḡarrā* “enduire”
ḡašša(ša) “tromper”
ḡašā = *ḡaššā* “couvrir”
ḡaḡafa “laisser tomber”, *ḡaḡaḡafa* “laisser pendant et lâche”
ḡaḡ(ḡ)asa “plonger”
ḡatā = *ḡatḡā* “couvrir”
ḡafara “couvrir”, *ḡaffara* “couvrir de poussière”
ḡal(l)aba “vaincre”
ḡal(l)afa “cacher, serrer”
ḡamma(ma) “(re)couvrir”
ḡamā = *ḡammā* “couvrir une maison de terre et roseaux”
ḡāra = *ḡawwara* “descendre dans un terrain encaissé”
ḡaw(w)à “induire en erreur”

ḡāsa = *ḡāyyaša* “diminuer, faire décroître”
ḡāza = *ḡāyyaza* “fâcher”
ḡāla = *ḡāyyala* “allaiter”
ḡāma = *ḡāyyama* “être couvert de nuages”

fatta(ta) “broyer”
fat(t)aḡa “ouvrir; commencer”
fat(t)aḡa “plier les doigts et puis les redresser”
fat(t)aša “chercher avec soin”
fat(t)aḡa “être chargé d’un fardeau”
faḡ(ḡ)ara “donner une issue à l’eau”
faḡ(h)aḡa “marcher en rapprochant le devant des pieds”
faḡ(h)ara “regarder quelqu’un comme plus illustre”
fadda(da) “crier, vociferer”
fad(d)ara “être affaibli”
fad(d)ama “couvrir d’un linge l’orifice d’un vas pour filtrer”
far(r)aḡa “blesser le foie”
far(r)aḡa “fendre”
far(r)ada “s’isoler”
far(r)aša “étendre un tapis”
far(r)aḡa “faire des coches”
far(r)aḡa “devancer”
far(r)aḡa “monter sur un hauteur”
far(r)aḡa “vider”
far(r)aḡa “séparer”
far(r)à “tailler, couper”
fas(s)ara “découvrir; expliquer”
faš(š)aḡa “écarter les jambes”
faš(š)aḡa “couvrir, envelopper”
faš(š)aḡa “donner quelque chose à quelqu’un”
faš(š)ala “séparer”
faḡ(ḡ)ama “remplir”
faq(q)aḡa “arracher l’oeil”
faq(q)aḡa “ouvrir les yeux; commencer à voir”
fakka(ka) “séparer, disjoindre”
fak(k)ara “penser”
fakiha = *fakkaha* “égayer par des plaisanteries”
falla(la) “ébrecher”
fal(l)aḡa “partager en deux”

- falaḥa* “tromper quelqu’un”, *fallaḥa* “agir perfidement à l’égard de quelqu’un”
fal(l)aḥa “couper en morceaux”
fal(l)aḡa “fender”
fal(l)aka “avoir le sein déjà arrondi”
fal(l)à “faire la chasse aux poux”
fan(n)aḥa “avoir le dessus; soumettre”
fāza “se sauver”, *fawwaza* “fuir”
- qabba* “être sec”, *qabbaba* “se désecher”
qab(b)aḥa “refuser à quelqu’un toute bonne qualité”
qab(b)aṣa “prendre quelque chose avec le bout des doigts”
qab(b)aḥa “saisir / serrer avec la main”
qab(h)aḥa “frapper avec un bâton”
qadda(da) “couper en lanières”
qad(d)aḥa “s’enfoncer dans l’orbite (l’œil)”
qad(d)ara “déterminer selon une certaine mesure”
qad(d)ama “être le premier”
qadḍa(ḍa) “rognier également deux morceaux”
qadḍ(ḍ)afa “lancer des pierres”
qar(r)aba “remettre dans le fourreau”
qar(r)ada “se taire par sentiment de son impuissance”
qar(r)aṣa “étendre la pâte et la couper”
qar(r)aṭa “couper en petits morceaux”
qar(r)aḥa “frapper”
qar(r)ana “joindre”
qaz(z)aḥa “assaisonner, mettre des aromates”
qazaḥa “se mettre à courir avec rapidité”, *qazzaḥa* “courir à toutes jambes”
qassa(sa) “garder et faire pâtre avec attention”
qas(s)ama “partager”
qaṣṣa(ṣa) “ramasser des morceaux jetés pour s’en nourrir”
qaṣ(ṣ)aba “mêler”
qaṣ(ṣ)ara “dépouiller de son écorce”
- qaṣā = qaṣṣā* “peler”
qaṣ(s)aba “faire un affront à quelqu’un en lui faisant de reproches publiques”
qaṣ(s)ada “casser par le milieu”
qaṣ(s)ara “accourir”
qaṣ(s)aḥa “apaiser la soif”
qaṣā = qaṣṣā “mutiler une chamelle”
qaḍ(ḍ)aba “couper”
qaḍ(ḍ)à “achever”
qaḍ(ḍ)aba “froncer”
qaḍ(ḍ)ara “faire tomber goutte à goutte”
qaḍ(ḍ)afa “enlever les grappes de raisin”
qaḍ(ḍ)ala “couper”
qaḍ(ḍ)ata “pousser avec vigueur et faire marcher”
qafana “égorger une brebis”, *qaffana* “couper la tête”
qal(l)aba “(re)tourner”
qal(l)ada “rouler autour de”
qal(l)aḥa “arracher, ôter de sa place”
qal(l)afa “calfater”
qalā “frir”, *qalla* “cautériser”
qamma(ma) “dessécher”
qam(m)aṣa “ramasser”
qam(m)aṣa “ballotter (un navire)”
qam(m)aṭa “lier avec la corde tous les quatre pieds”
qam(m)aḥa “appliquer l’entonnoir”
qan(n)aḥa “teindre en noir”
qanā = qannā “conserver intact (chasteté, etc.)”
qāba = qawwaba “creuser (la terre)”
qāḥa = qawwaḥa “balayer”
qāda = qawwada “mener, conduire”
qāra = qawwara “découper un rond”
qāḍa = qawwaḍa “défaire, séparer les parties”
qāza = qayyaza “passer la saison d’été dans un lieu”
qāna = qayyana “arranger”
- kab(b)aḥa* “couper, perfréner”
kab(b)ala “charger de ceps”
kat(t)aba “écrire”
kan(n)afa “avoir les omoplates saillants”
kat(t)ama “cacher”

- kaṭ(ṭ)aṣa* “se développer et être prospère”
kaṭ(ṭ)aḥa “mettre à nu, découvrir”
kaṭ(ṭ)aṣa “être couvert de crème à la surface”
kaḥ(h)ala “enduire de collyre”
kad(d)aṣa “endommager et couler par terre (le froid)”
kad(d)aha “égratigner (le visage)”
kad(d)aba “tromper, décevoir”
kar(r)aba “munir d’une corde”
kas(s)aba “faire acquérir quelque chose à quelqu’un”
kasā = kassā “vêtir”
kaš(š)aḥa “faire à quelqu’un avec un fer chaud une cautérisation aux hypochondres”
kaš(š)aḥa “découvrir”
kaṣ(ṣ)aba “avoir le sein formé”
kaf(f)ata “ramasser, attirer à soi”
kaf(f)ara “(re)couvrir”
kaf(f)ala “nourrir”
kaf(f)ana “envelopper (le mort) dans un linceul”
kalla(la) “être ému”
kalaṣa “diriger ses regards sur une chose”, *kallaṣa* “tourner ses regards sur quelqu’un”
kal(l)ada “entasser”
kal(l)ama “blesser”
kam(m)ā “cacher”
kanna(na) “couvrir”
kan(n)aḥa “entourer d’une clôture”
kanā = kannā “donner à quelqu’un un surnom”
kāra = kawwara “rouler en spirale”
kāsa = kawwasa “renverser quelqu’un la tête en bas”

lab(b)aḥa “vieillir”
lab(b)ada “faire un bourrelet de laine”
lab(b)asa “couvrir”
lab(b)aqa “adoucir”
lab(b)aka “mêler”
laṭ(ṭ)ama “se mettre un *liṭām*”
laḡiba = laḡḡaba “être épuisée et ne donner plus de lait”
laḡ(ḡ)aḥa “creuser un trou”

laḡ(ḡ)ana “abattre les feuilles d’un arbre”
lah(h)aba “imprimer une marque/trace sur quelque chose”
lah(h)ada “pratiquer un creux latéral dans une fosse”
lah(h)aṣa “s’acquitter entièrement de quelque chose”
lah(h)ana “commettre des barbarismes”
lad(d)ama “rapiécer un vêtement”
laz(z)aṣa “donner”
lazuba = lazzaba “être dur”
las(s)ana “faire aller en pointe”
laḡ(ḡ)ata “faire du bruit”
laḥḥa(fa) “envelopper”
laḥḥa(fa)qa “coudre en mettant bout à bout deux pièces”
laqita = laqqata “mêler”
laq(q)aḥa “féconder”
laqifa = laqqafa “avalier avec précipitation”
laqā = laqqā “causer à quelqu’un une paralysie de la bouche”
lam(m)aṣa “payer à quelqu’un une partie de son dû”
lah(h)ada “tâter pour s’assurer si l’individu est gras”
lah(h)aza “porter un violent coup sur la poitrine”
lahā = lahhā “distraire, consoler”
lāṭa = lawwata “salir”
lāqa = lawwata “amollir”

mat(t)aḥa “faire sa ponte en enfonçant la queue dans la terre”
maṭ(ṭ)ala “faire un exemple de quelqu’un”
maḡ(ḡ)ada “rassasier ses troupeaux de fourrage vert”
maḥ(h)aṣa “purifier”
maḥ(h)aqa “effacer”
maḥ(h)ana “adoucir, assouplir”
maḥā = maḥḥā “effacer”
maḥ(h)aḥa “éprouver les douleurs de la parturition”
maḥ(h)aṭa “essuyer la glaive du nez”
mad(d)ara “enduire de boue”
mad(d)ā “lâcher (un cheval) au pâturage”

- mar(r)aḥa* “oindre”
mar(r)aḥa “arracher le poil”
mar(r)aġa “oindre”
mar(r)ana “jeter quelqu’un par terre”
mar(r)à “presser avec les doigts/la bouche les pis de la chamelle”
maz(z)aʿa “éplucher et séparer avec les doigts le coton”
maz(z)ana “remplir (une outre)”
mas(s)aḥa “essuyer quelque chose en passant la main dessus”
mas(s)aka “saisir”
mašša(ša) “tirer toute la moelle d’un os”
maš(š)ara “produire des feuilles de forme oblongue et pointue”
maš(š)aḥa “peigner”
maš(š)ana “tirer tout le lait d’une chamelle”
maš(š)à “marcher”
maš(s)aḥa “ôter”
maṭṭa(ta) “allonger”
maq(q)ata “hair”
maq(q)aḥa “renverser quelqu’un par terre”
mal(l)aʿa “(r)emplir”
mal(l)aḥa “enduire de boue”
mal(l)aqa “frapper avec un bâton”
mal(l)aka “pétrir bien”
man(n)aḥa “donner”
mah(h)ada “étendre comme un tapis”
māša = mawwaša “laver”
māha = mawwaha “avoir / contenir beaucoup d’eau”
māḥa = mawwaḥa “macérer”
- nab(b)aʿa* “annoncer”
nab(b)aḥa “faire la boison appelée *nabīd*”
nab(b)asa “parler”
nab(b)aqa “écrire”
nab(b)ala “apaiser en lui donnant à manger un morceau après l’autre”
naġ(ġ)aba “enlever l’écorce d’un arbre”
naġ(ġ)aʿa “produire son effet (un discours)”
naġā = naġġā “être sauvé”
nah(h)aba “travailler avec empressement”
- naḥā/à = nahḥā* “ôter de sa place”
naz(z)ara “être importun, pressant dans ses demandes”
nazā = nazzā “sauter”
nas(s)aʿa “éloigner (de l’eau)”
nas(s)aqa “disposer en ordre”
naš(š)ara “déployer”
naš(š)aba “élever, dresser”
naš(š)ala “ficher une fleche dans un corps”
naḍ(ḍ)aba “descendre dans le sol (l’eau)”
naḍ(ḍ)ada “mettre en ordre/un tas les tapis”
naḍara “créer quelqu’un éclat de beauté, *naḍḍara* “donner quelqu’un ... de beauté”
naṭṭa “accuser d’une turpitude”, *naṭṭa* “mettre en suspicion d’une turpitude”
naẓ(ẓ)ara “regarder”
naẓ(ẓ)ama “disposer en ordre”
naʿ(ʿ)aša “(r)élever quelqu’un (Dieu)”
naʿ(ʿ)ala “chausser (bête)”
naḥ(f)aḥa “souffler avec la bouche”
naḥ(f)ara “mettre en fuite”
naḥ(f)aša “séparer avec les doigts (laine, coton)”
naḥ(f)ala “faire un cadeau / don”
naḥā = naḥḥā “bannir”
naq(q)aba “examiner en détail; parcourir un pays”
naq(q)ata “se dépêcher”
naq(q)aḥa “vider un os en en tirant la moelle”
naq(q)aḥa “sauver”
naq(q)ara “becqueter; choisir”
naq(q)aša “peindre”
naq(q)aša “amoindrir”
naq(q)aḥa “craquer”
naq(q)aḥa “marquer d’un point diacritique”
nak(k)asa “renverser”
nak(k)aʿa “ôter, repousser quelqu’un de quelque chose”
nam(m)ara “être en colère”
nam(m)asa “cacher”
nam(m)aša “parler à l’oreille”
nam(m)aqa “écrire bien”

- nam(m)à* “croître”
nah(h)ada “avoir déjà les seins gonflés”
nāhā = *nahhā* “défendre, prohiber”
nāra = *nawwara* “imprimer/ marquer avec un fer rougi au feu”
nāta = *nawwaṭa* “(sus)pendre”
nāla = *nawwala* “donner”
naw(w)à “jeter des noyaux de dattes”
nāra = *nayyara* “marquer une étoffe”
- haḡā* = *haḡḡā* “épeler”
had(d)ana “calmer”
har(r)a ʔa = *har(r)ada* “cuire trop les viands”
hariṣa = *harraṣa* “déchirer”
hazza(za) “agiter”
haz(z)aḡā “se servir du mètre *hazaḡ*”
haz(z)ala “amaigrir”
has(s)ara “tirer à soi”
hal(l)aba “arracher des cheveux”
hal(l)aka “perdre, faire périr”
hāda = *hawwada* “parler bas”
hāra = *hawwara* “démolir”
hāla = *hawwala* “effrayer”
hāḡā = *hayyaḡā* “exciter”
hāda = *hayyada* “effrayer”
hayifa = *hayyafa* “être mince”
hāla = *hayyala* “verser, répandre”
- wa ʔ(ʔ)ara* “précipiter dans un malheur”
wab(b)asa “ouvrir les yeux (un petit chien)”
wat(t)ada “enfoncer (un pieu)”
wat(t)ara “faire une chose séparément”
watīqa “avoir confiance”, *watīqa* “regarder comme digne de confiance”
wah(h)ana “batter (des étoffes, le cuir)”
wah(h)afa “se jeter par terre”
wad(d)a ʔa “aplanir (le sol)”
wad(d)asa “être caché”
wad(d)a Ca “poser, placer”
wad(d)ana “tremper, macérer”
wad(d)ara “couper, hacher”
war(r)a s/da “ponder un oeuf”
war(r)afa “être long (l’ombre)”
- war(r)aqā* “être branchu”
war(r)aka “mettre quelque chose autour de ses hanches”
war(r)à “faire jaillir le feu d’un briquet”
waz(z)a Ca “partager”
waz(z)afa “aller vite”
wašuka = *waššaka* “marcher avec rapidité / célérité”
waš(s)ama “se tatouer”
waš(s)à “imprimer une étoffe”
wad(d)ā Ca “humilier”
watī ʔa = *watīta ʔa* “fouler avec les pieds”
wat(t)ada “raffermir”
wat(ʔ)ara “retenir, contenir”
wat(ʔ)aza “insinuer”
waf(f)ara “rendre nombreux”
waf(f)à “payer (tout)”
waq(q)ata “fixer (l’heure)”
waq(q)ada “abandonner quelqu’un malade et gisant par terre”
waq(q)ara “fender”
waq(q)a Ca “aiguiser; user, amincir”
waq(q)à “garder, préserver”
wak(k)aba “être noirâtre (date mûre)”
wak(k)ata “remplir”
wak(k)ada “serrer”
wal(l)ada “enfanter”
wal(l)à “(dé)tourner”
wam(m)a ʔa “faire signe avec la tête”
wah(h)ara “jeter, entraîner”
wah(h)ana “affaiblir”
- yam(m)ana* “aller à droite”

Appendix II (Andalusi Arabic, from Corriente 1997)

nubūl = *nibawwal* “to urinate”
naḥruf = *niḥarrarf* “to steal”
naḥmī = *niḥammī* “to protect”
ḥabaytu & *niḥabbī* “to conceal”
nahbal = *niḥabbal* “to confound”
naḥtum = *niḥattam* “to seal”
naḥda^C = *niḥadda^C* “to deceive”
ḥarī = *ḥarri* “to defecate”
naḥrab = *niḥarrab* “to ruin”
naḥruf = *niḥarrarf* “to tell tales”
ḥaraq & *niḥarraq* “to tear”
yaḥḍab & *niḥaḍḍab* “to dye”
naḥḍa^C = *niḥaḍḍa^C* “to subdue”
naḥfaḍ = *niḥaffaḍ* “to lower”
naḥlaṭ = *niḥallaṭ* “to mix”
nadḥas = *nidaḥḥas* “to push”
nadrus = *nidarras* “to thresh”
nadluk = *nidallak* “to polish”
narḡum = *niraḡḡam* “to stone”
narfa^C = *uraffi^{cu}* “to exalt”
nasqī = *nisaqqī* “to water”
našra^C = *nišarra^C* “to legislate”
nišūqq = *nišaqqaq* “to split”
našmat = *ušammitu* “to insult”
naḥbī “to act as a boy”, *neḥabbī* “to become a young man”

Appendix III (Iraqi Arabic, from Woodhead & Wayne Beene)

isar = *assar* “to capture”
bitar = *battar* “to chop off”
tiba^C = *tabba^C* “to follow”
tiras = *tarras* “to fill up”
ṭiram = *ṭarram* “to chop”
ṭilam = *ṭallam* “to chip”
ṭurwal = *tawwal* “to confuse”
jira^C = *jarra^C* “to gulp”
ḥisab = *ḥassab* “to consider”
ḥišad = *ḥaššad* “to mass”
ḥiša = *ḥašša* “to stuff”
ḥišal = *ḥašsal* “to obtain”
ḥumaz = *ḥammaz* “to sour up”
ḥiraš = *ḥarraš* “to startle”
ḥira = *ḥarra* “to defecate”
ḥiša = *ḥašša* “to castrate”

našda^C = *nišadda^C* “to split”
ašurru & *yišarrar* “to creak”
našqil = *nišaqqaq* “to polish”
niših = *nišayyaḥi* “to shout”
naḥrud = *niḥarrad* “to chase away”
naḥruš = *niḥarras* “to whip”
naḥmur = *niḥammur* “to cultivate”
naḡruz = *niḡarraz* “to stab”
naḡrus = *niḡarras* “to plant”
niḡull = *niḡallal* “to fetter”
naftaš = *nifattaš* “to search”
naftam = *nifattam* “to wean”
naqsam = *niqassam* “to divide”
naqhar = *niqahhar* “to force”
niqil = *niqayyal* “to take a nap”
nakšaf = *nikaššaf* “to discover”
naknī = *nikannī* “to surname”
nuluff = *nilaffaf* “to wrap”
nalwī = *nilawwī* “to twist”
namsaḥ = *nimassaḥ* “to turn into a monster”
namlā = *nimallī* “to fill”
nanšur = *ninaššar* “to saw in two”
nanzam = *ninazzam* “to string”
nanquṭ = *ninaqqaṭ* “to dot”
nanqi^C = *ninaqqa^C* “to soak”
nanqul = *ninaqqaq* “to carry”
nahḡam = *nihagḡam* “to attack”
nahdam = *nihaddam* “to destroy”
yahḍam & *nihadḍam* “to digest”
dilaḡ = *dallaḡ* “to daydream”
dumar = *dammar* “to wreck”
dihan = *dahhan* “to oil”
ḍamm = *ḍammam* “to criticize”
riga^C = *ragga^C* “to patch”
zirab = *zarrab* “to defecate”
zā^C = *zawwa^C* “to vomit”
sitar = *sattar* “to protect”
sigad = *saggaf* “to roof”
silab = *sallab* “to rob”
silak = *sallak* “to behave”
samm = *sammam* “to poison”
šāb = *šayyab* “to become grey”
šaff(af) “to arrange”
ḡibaṭ = *ḡabbat* “to cause disorder”
ḡiṭas = *ḡaṭtas* “to sneeze”
ḡigad = *ḡaggad* “to knot”
ḡiwaḡ = *ḡawwaḡ* “to bend”
ḡwar = *ḡawwar* “to squint”
ḡilag = *ḡallag* “to shut”

fitaḥ = *fattaḥ* “to open”
qisam = *qassam* “to divide”
qufal = *qaffal* “to lock”
giraz = *garraz* “to gnaw”
giṣaṭ = *gaššaṭ* “to scratch”
giṣaf = *gašsaf* “to scratch”
giṣa = *gazzā* “to spend, to pass”
giṭa^{C/m} = *gaṭṭa*^{C/m} “to cut off”
gufa^C = *gaffa*^C “to peel, to flake”
gilab = *gallab* “to turn over”
gila = *galla* “to fry”
kisab = *kassab* “to win”
kiṣaf = *kašsaf* “to uncover”
kifa = *kaffa* “to be enough”
kumaḥ = *kammaḥ* “to cover with a cloth”

Appendix IV (Syrian Arabic, from Barthélemy)²⁴

dār = *dawwar* “faire tourner”
raf(f)a^C “élever”
raq(q)a^C “rapiécer”
raqq(aq) “ramincir”
sāb = *sayyab* “laisser paître en liberté”
šar(r)aḥ “(dé)couper la viande”
ḏab(b)aṭ “régulariser/régler une montre”
ḥazam “inviter”, *mḥazzamīn* “invités”
ḥakas “compromettre le succès d’une affaire”, *ḥakkas* “faire échouer”
ḥāq “empêcher”, *ḥawwaq* “retarder”
ḡab(b)aš “être matinal”
ḡam(m)as “manger en saisissant la nourriture dans un morceau de pain”
ḡamm(am) “attrister”

liḡam = *laḡḡam* “to bridle”
lizam = *lazzam* “to string, to thread”
ligaṭ = *laggaṭ* “to pick out or up”
liga = *lagga* “to find”
lām = *lawwam* “to blame”
madd(ad) “to stretch out”
muṭar = *maṭṭar* “to rain”
nitaṭ = *nattaf* “to pluck”
niza^C = *nazza*^C “to disrobe”
niḥas = *naḥḥas* “to become drowsy”
nufaṣ = *naffaṣ* “to dust off”
hidam = *haddam* “to destroy”
hilas = *hallas* “to pluck”
wuḡa^C = *waḡḡa*^C “to hurt”
wuram = *warram* “to swell up”

far(r)aḡ “vider (le contenu d’)un vase”
qab(b)a^C “arracher”
qar(r)ab “s’approcher”
qaš(s)ar “peler”
qal(l)ab “tourner de(s) feuillet(s)”
qal(l)aq “inquiéter”
qal(l)à “frir”
kar(r)am “traiter avec honneur”
kaf(f)à “suffire”
kaw(w)à “cautériser”
laq(q)à “trouver par hasard”
madd(ad) “allonger”
naṣ(z)am “organiser”
naḥ(f)aḥ “gonfler”
wuḡe^C = *waḡḡa*^C “faire mal”

²⁴ As for hybrid derived stems, we have only come across *stanna* “attendre” and *strayyah* “se reposer”, together with an anomalous *staḡḥalāk* “ê. légèrement dérangé” from a quadriconsonantic root, reminiscent of the broken plurals *salāṭīn* “crabs” and *kašābīn* “thimbles” (see Corriente 1971: 108, with Ethiopic parallels). There is also a remarkable scarcity of intransitive II stems, like *rassā* “jeter l’ancre” and *sayyar* “se promener”.

Appendix Va (Yemeni Arabic, from Deboo)

da cā = *da cca* “to call”

Appendix Vb (id., from Piamenta)²⁵

ʔbh I “to pay attention”, II “to be interested in something”

ʔhd I & II “to take”

ʔkl I & II “to eat”

walif & *allaf* “to get used to”

bad(d)ā “to begin”

brġ I & II “to pay one’s debt”

brh I & II “to clear (road)”

bzy I & II “to suckle”

bsm I & II “to be silent”

by^c “to receive s.th. in exchange for another”, II “to sell”

ġ^c II & II “to go”

ġls I “to sit”, II “to be seated”

ghm I & II “to heap up earth around plants”

ġwb I “to harken”, II “to obey”

hbb I & II “to kiss”

hġdf I & II “to embrace”

hdd I & II “to sharpen”

hrs I & II “to guard”

hrš I & II “to calumniate”

hqb I & II “to put coffee in the pot”

hkr I “to do accurately”, II “to do carefully”

hky I & II “to speak”

hms I & II “to murmur”

hzm I & II “to sew or mend (shoe)”

hš^c I “to shatter”, II “to crush”

h^tf I & II “to get away from”

htw I & II “to go”

tab(b)ah “to cook”

tab(b)az “to prick, to sting”

wukad = *wakkad* “to hit”.

h^tlb I & II “to make loam”

h^tls I & II “to take off (clothes)”

d^hm I & II “to keep s.o. from”

drġ I & II “to wander about”

d^cw I “to pray to God, II “to ask for God’s help”

dġz I & II “to thrust”

dfr I & II “to flood”

dkm I & II “to strike”

dnw I & II “to kneel down”

dbl I & II “to spit (out)”

drw I & II “to sow”

rbš I & II “to make noise”

rbq I & II “to complain”

rtb I & II “to hold firm, to possess”

rġ^c I & II “to return”

rz^h I & II “to support”

rsl I & II “to send”

r^sd I & II “to note down”

rkw I & II “to support”

rwh I & II “to go (somewhere)”

rwd I “to act slowly”, II “to be slow”

zrb I & II “to stand on end”

s^ʔ I & II “to ask”

sbr I & II “to make”

sry I & II “to go out to work by night”

s^qy I & II “to water”

slw I & II “to comfort”

shn I & II “to expect”

swq I & II “to go to the market”

šrh I & II “to deposit”

štb I & II “to ridge (sword)”

š^ct I & II “to tear”

šġl I & II “to annoy”

š^tt I & II “to yell”

šd/tq I & II “to tell the truth”

šfq I & II “to clap wings”

šfw I & II “to clean”

šyh I “to scream”, II “to cry”

tbz I & II “to prick”

tms I & II “to plunge”

č^t I & II “to chase away”

čkm I & II “to stuff”

čm I & II “to see”

čml I & II “to make”

²⁵ Only root morphemes are given most of the times, as the author does not provide the actual shapes in many cases, or they differ in the many dialects surveyed. The more than 100 instances in Piamenta, by comparison with the few ones in Deboo, are a consequence of the larger contents and dialectal variety in the former author, it being also quite probable that some dialects are prone to having such doublets than others.

Ġwl I & II “to bring forth children”
ġrz I & II “to feed a camel by hand”
ġlb I “to force, II “to compel”
ftš I & II “to uncover”
fhs I & II “to rub”
fšy I & II “to divorce”
q^cm I & II “to yawn”
qfr I & II “to sell”
qlb I & II “to turn”
qw^ci “to swindle”, II “to cheat”
kr^ci & II “to spill”
lġm I & II “to mend (pots)”
lhf I & II “to cover (with a shawl)”
lsw I & II “to glue”
lwy I “to stroll about”, II “to travel about”
mħq I & I “to change”
m^t/dr I & II “to rain”
mwħ I & II “to pass by”

Appendix VI (Maltese)²⁶

bax(x)ar “to bring news”
bidel = *beddel* “to (ex)change”
dab = *dewweb* “to dissolve”
dah(h)an “to emit smoke”
darr(ar) “to hurt, to cause harm”
dehex = *diehex* “to startle”
dell(el) “to shade”
dil(l)ek “to besmear”
di(e)rek “to get up early”
faħ(h)ar “to praise”
faq(q)a “to burst”
fat(t)am “to wean”
fer(r)aq “to separate”
fit(t)el “to occur to s.o.”
ġaghel = *ġieghel* “to compel”
ġibed = *ġebbed* “to pull”
hemm(em) “to distress”
ħab(b)ar “to foretell”
ħab(b)at “to strike”
ħaf(f)er “to excavate”
ħaġ(ġ)eb “to conceal”

²⁶ Some cases of {CieCvC} instead of {CvCCvC} are not etymological III stems, but mere phonetic variants of II, as explained in Suttcliffe [1936: 84] and Aquilina [1965: 154]. This list has been obtained from Aquilina [1987-90].

nsm I & II “to rest”
nfr I & II “to rebel”
nfl I & II “to discharge”
nqš I & II “to pain”
nqđ I & II “to untie”
nqy I & II “to sort out”
nkf I & II “to announce and call (for a gathering or help)”
nky I “to hit”, II “to injure”
nwq I & II “to bray”
hđr I “to talk nonsense”, II “to mutter”
hwk I “to cry”, II “to yell”
w/^rt I & II “to bequeath”
wr^ci & II “to wait”
wky I & II “to resist”

ħak(k)em “to govern”

ħakk(ek) “to scratch”
ħal(l)at “to mix”
ħan(n)aq “to strangle”
ħat(t)en “to circumcise”
ħazz(ez) “to draw lines”
ħiel = *ħajjel* “to fancy”
kis(s)ab “to obtain”
matal “to give excuses for deferring payment” = *mattal* “to produce excuses”.
naq(q)ar “to peak”
naq(q)ax “to sculpt”
nas(s)ab “to lay traps”
naž(ž)a “to undress”
nef(f)ah “to breathe hard”
nib(b)et “to spring up”
niek = *nejjek* “to ruin”
nif(f)ed “to pierce”
nis(s)eġ “to weave”
nit(t)af “to pluck”
għaf(f)eġ “to press”
għaq(q)ar “to ulcerate”
għar(r)ax “to tickle”
għat = *għayyet* “to nourish”
għaž(ž)a “to comfort/visit the relatives of a deceased person”
qal(l)eb “to upset”
qat(t)ar “to dirp”
qies = *qajjes* “to take the measure”

<i>qar(r)ab</i> “to get near(er)”	<i>temm(em)</i> “to perfect”
<i>rif(f)ed</i> “to support”	<i>ter(r)ah</i> “to dissolve”
<i>sab(b)at</i> “to bang”	<i>wag(ġ)a</i> “to ache, to hurt”
<i>sa(f)fa</i> “to clean(se)”	<i>xahh(ah)</i> “to be stingy/very parsimonious”
<i>saḥ</i> = <i>sejjah</i> “to call”	<i>xal</i> = <i>xawwel</i> “to wander”
<i>sal(l)ab</i> “to crucify”	<i>xaqq(aq)</i> “to split”
<i>saq(q)a</i> “to water”	<i>xell(el)</i> “to make up a story, to lie”
<i>silef</i> = <i>sellef</i> “to lend”	<i>zaqq(aq)</i> “to make one grow potbellied”
<i>silet</i> = <i>sellet</i> “to pull a thread out of a piece of cloth”	<i>zar(r)ab</i> “to oppress”
<i>ta/em(m)a</i> ’ “to feed, to make one eat”	<i>z(i)eghel</i> “to caress”
<i>taq(q)ab</i> “to bore”	

Appendix VI (Egyptian Arabic X + II / III, from Hinds & Badawi)

<i>ista ʔattà</i> “to result”	<i>istarabba^C</i> “to sit cross-legged”
<i>ista ʔaġġar</i> “to hire”	<i>istaraġġà</i> “to hope” (= <i>istarġa</i>)
<i>ista ʔakkid</i> “to be quite sure”	<i>istiraḥḥà</i> “to become loose” (= <i>irtaḥḥà</i>)
<i>ista ʔammin</i> “to place trust”	<i>istarayyah</i> “to rest” (= <i>istarāḥ</i>)
<i>ista ʔāmin</i> “to feel safe”	<i>istaġaṭṭà</i> “to cover oneself”
<i>istannà</i> “to wait”	<i>istiġamma</i> “to put on a blindfold”
<i>istabarrā</i> “to disown responsibility”	<i>istiqaḥḥà</i> “to make or become concave”
<i>istabārik</i> “to receive a blessing” (= <i>itbārik</i>)	<i>istiġāyā</i> “to vomit” (= <i>itqāyā</i>)
<i>istibaqqa</i> “to remain there”	<i>istilabbad</i> “to lurk”
<i>istaballim</i> “to be stupefied”	<i>istilaqqaḥ</i> “to be duped” (= <i>itlaqqaḥ</i>)
<i>istaḥattim</i> “to become inevitable”	<i>istalaaqqaf</i> “to catch something thrown” (= <i>istalqaf</i>)
<i>istaḥaġġiġ</i> “to offer pretexts”	<i>istilaqqa</i> “to receive” (= <i>istalqa</i>)
<i>istaḥaḍḍar</i> “to prepare oneself”	<i>istamaḥḥak</i> “to ingratiate oneself” (= <i>itmaḥḥak</i>)
<i>istaḥaqqaq</i> “to look carefully”	<i>istimannà</i> “to long for”
<i>istiḥakkim</i> “to behave tyrannically”	<i>istahaġġà</i> “to spell”
<i>istaḥallif</i> “to resolve to inflict suffering” (= <i>istahlif</i>)	<i>istahannà</i> “to become happy” (= <i>itahannà</i>)
<i>istaḥammà</i> “to bathe”	<i>istiwaḥḥà</i> “to goad vigorously”
<i>istaḥayyin</i> “to have ready money”	
<i>istaḥabbà</i> “to hide oneself”	
<i>istaḥaffà</i> “to hide” (= <i>istahfà</i>)	

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