

Latin authority and constructional transparency at work: neologisms in the French medical vocabulary of the Middle Ages and their fate

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- Research question** • Why do certain French medical neologisms created in the course of the Middle Ages manage to survive, while others disappear after some time?
- Hypothesis** • Next to external factors involving authors and texts, morphological criteria of the terminology play an important role in its preservation.
- Theoretical framework** • Construction Morphology (CM; Booij 2010) is suitable to formalize the morphological relations between the different attested neologisms.
- Corpus** • 24 French medieval medical texts, both translations from Latin and texts directly written in French, from which medical terms and word families will be extracted.

