Dear Editor,

This letter is an attempt to revisit oral pathology in Hidayat of Akhawayni based on a modern approach. Akhawayni had described oral pathology in two chapters in Persian literature; the first chapter deals with dental pain and the other with buccal pain. Akhawayni classified toothache as inflammatory and noninflammatory variants. Treatments for dental pain are mainly based on anatomic principles i.e. using anesthetizing fume, using natural antiseptic and doing dental extraction. He recommended sea foam (magnesium silicate) for discolored teeth. The reason for bad breath is discussed by Akhawayni as infected tooth, stomach problems and lung problems. He categorized painful conditions of the oral cavity as conditions presented with erythema, conditions presented as malakoplakia, corrosive and gangrenous conditions of oral mucosa. Inflammation of gingiva should be managed with rubbing of strong linen cloth to induce bleeding followed by rinsing with vinegar and other solutions with antiseptic property.

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testing to find that Akhawayni had used surgical approach as the last recourse to manage oral pathology.

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