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Etiology and typology of the plague according to the Arab physician Ibn Khatima (d.1369)

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Ibn Khatima (c.1324-c.1369) is one of the most important intellectuals of the Medieval Moorish Spain. He was poet, historian and physician and among his writings we find the work titled *Taḥṣīl garaḍ al-qāṣid fi-taḥṣīl al-maraḍ al wāḥid* (Succeeding in clarify pest disease), known as *Taḥṣīl*, which deals to the Black Death, the terrible pandemic that devastated Asia, Africa and Europe at that time. This

paper is an approach to this important book including the causes of the plague and its types described by Ibn Khatima according to the scientific knowledge of Islamic Middle Ages as well as the translation of some pages of the *Taḥṣīl* taking as reference the Arabic manuscript n..1785 from the Library of El Escorial in Spain.

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