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'Iyāḍ b. Mūsā, *Kitāb al-shifā'*.
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In the medieval history of Islam in the western Mediterranean and Africa, Qāḍī ‘Iyāḍ (1083–1149 CE) is an important legal scholar during the transition from the Almoravids (1040–1147) to the Almohads (1121–1269). His *Kitāb al-shifā’*, a treatise on the life of the prophet Muḥammad (d.632) which has been preserved in hundreds of manuscripts, is to this day an extremely popular work with Muslim readers. My working hypothesis posits that a codicological analysis of *Kitāb al-shifā’* manuscripts yields material and historical evidence for how in the course of the work’s circulation Muslim approaches to Muḥammad’s life have evolved.

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