

## Appendix II: Catchwords and lacunae

Catchwords can be found on almost all verso sides of the folios in this manuscript. Many of these must have been written well after the manuscript was produced, as they are in the outer border and in different script from those closer to the text blocks. However, in some instances the catchwords do not correspond to the first word on the next page. These anomalies suggest lacunae, which are evident anyway

because of the number of known illustrations that have been removed from the manuscript and dispersed. The following list gives folio numbers of pages with catchwords that do not tally with the first word on the following page, and notes on shadows of thumbpieces where no thumbpiece is present on the opposite page. Thumbpieces were used only on folios with illustrations. The point of this list is to start the codicological work on the manuscript in order to determine if more pages were removed than those known from published examples.

Folio	Does not tally with first word on following page	Thumbpiece shadow without thumbpiece on preceding or following folio
13b		× – thumbpiece shadow different shape from shadows on surrounding folios
31b	× – rubbed catchword does not tally with first word of 32a, which contains the illustration of Rustam and the white elephant	
40b	× – does not tally with first word of 41a, which contains the illustration of the death of Afrasiyab and is out of place in the ms. and has been inserted here; catchword on 40b corresponds to first word on 42a	
44b	×	
45b	×	
54b	×	
71b	×	
81b	×	
83b	×	
90b	(×) – possibly does not tally with first word on 91a, which contains an illustration	
101b	×	
102b	×	
104b	×	×

107b	×	
108b	× – plus 2 worm holes on this folio, not visible on adjacent folios	
110b		×
111b-130		× – pages with shadows of thumbpieces without corresponding thumbpieces: 113b, 128b, and 129a
119b	×	
145b	×	
147b	×	
149b	× – possibly should precede 170a	
158b	×	
163b	×	
166b	×	
169b	×	
173b		×
174b		×
176b	×	
177b		×
178b	×	
180b	×	
187b		×
197b	×	
198b	×?	
212b		× – thumbpiece, no illustration
218b	×	
220b	×	
231b	×	×
255b	× (probably – catchword rubbed out)	
289b	×	