1. Record Nr. UNINA9910823159003321 Autore Kahl Oliver **Titolo** 'Ali ibn Sahl Rabban at-Tabari's Health regimen or "Book of the pearl": Arabic text, English translation, introduction and indices / / by Oliver Pubbl/distr/stampa Leiden; ; Boston:, : BRILL, , [2021] ©2021 **ISBN** 90-04-44589-7 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource Collana Islamic philosophy, theology, and science;; Volume 115 610 Disciplina Soggetti Medicine, Arab Health Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Monografia Livello bibliografico Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Sommario/riassunto "The Arabic treatise edited and translated here was written in the middle of the 9th century CE by Ali ibn Sahl Rabban at-Tabari, a Christian convert to Islam and one of the most remarkable thinkers of his time. The text can be described as a manual towards the preservation of health, addressed directly to the Abbasid caliph al-Mutawakkil and his household. It represents not only the oldest extant specimen of its kind, but is also distinguished by its largely nontechnical language, as well as by a narrative style that creates an unusual interface with classical Arabic prose literature. The Greek and Indian sources upon which at-Tabarirelied testify to the synthetic and

inclusive character of early Islamic medicine"--