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1. KAIJANG PLATES OF BHĀNUDEVA III, ŚAKA 1284

Identifier: DHARMA_INSGangaEast00098.

Dynasty: Imperial Gaṅgas.

Description: Set of six plates; seal and ring missing; landscape format.

Provenance: Kaijang, Kisannagar Police Station, Cuttack district, Odisha.

Content: Gift of a village by Bhānudeva III, son of Narasiṃha II.

Language: Sanskrit (mixed prose and verse). 137 verses.

Number of inscribed faces: 11.

Total number of lines: 217 (Plate 1: 24; Plate 2: recto 24/verso 24; Plate 3: recto 24/verso 24; Plate 4: recto 24/verso 24; Plate 5: recto 24/verso 24; Plate 6: 1).

Metadata:

Measurements	Minimum	Maximum
Weight (kg)	1.160	1.278
Height (cm)	22	22.8
Width (cm)	30.6	31
Depth of the rim (cm)	0.33	0.4
Hole diameter (cm)	2.2	2.48

References:

- Rajaguru, Satyanarayan. 1975. *Inscriptions of Orissa, Vol. 5, Pt. 2: 1308-1378 A*. D. Bhubaneswar: Sri Sarada Press, pp. 479-489.

- Acharya, Subrata Kumar. 2014. *Copper-Plate Inscriptions of Odisha: A Descriptive Catalogue (circa Fourth Century to Sixteenth Century CE)*. New Delhi: D. K. Printworld, n°52, pp. 501-502.

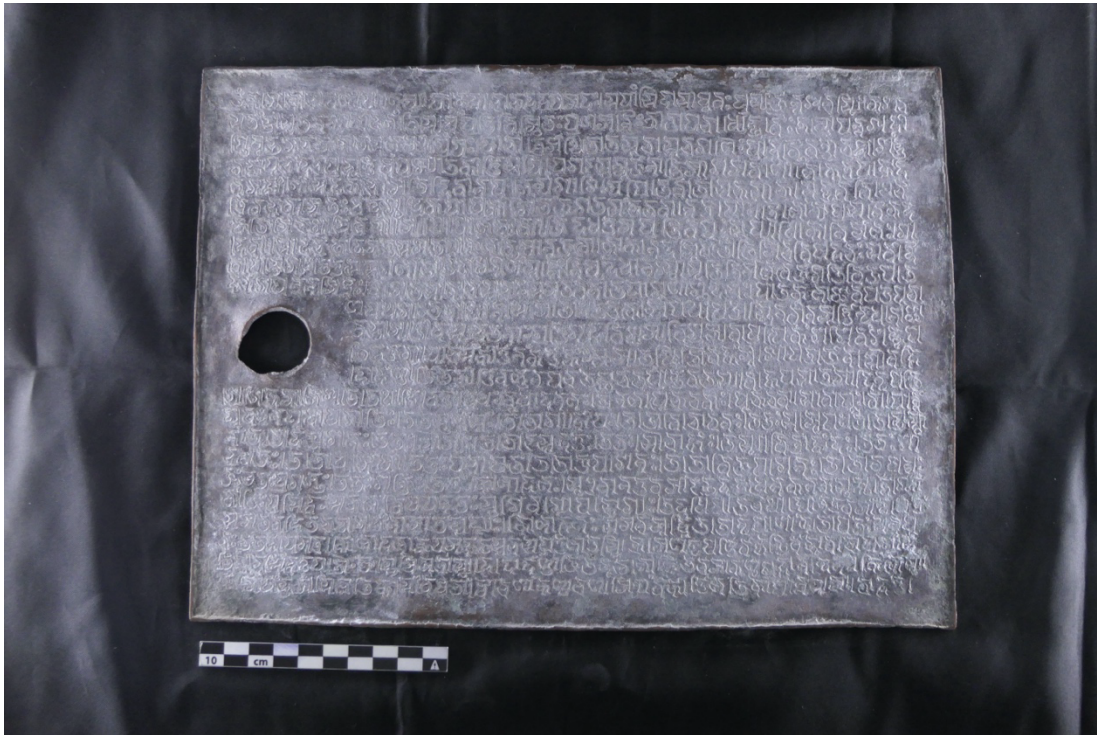


Figure 1. Kaijang Plates of Bhānudeva III, Śaka 1284: Plate 1, second side.

Link to the photos: https://didomena.ehess.fr/concern/data_sets/8336hb122

2. TALMUL COPPER PLATE CHARTER OF DEVĀNANDADEVĀ, YEAR 152

Identifier: DHARMA_INSNandodbhava00001.

Dynasty: Nandodbhava.

Description: Single plate with a seal attached; landscape format.

Provenance: Talmul, Angul district.

Content: Gift of a village by Devānandadeva, son of Śivānanda, grandson of Parānanda and great-grandson of Jayānanda of the Nandodbhava family.

Language: Sanskrit (mixed prose and verse).

Number of inscribed faces: 2.

Total number of lines: 38 (recto 20, verso 18 + one line with seven *akṣaras*).

Metadata:

	Measurements
Weight (kg)	1.642
Height (cm)	17.2
Width (cm)	25.7
Depth of the rim (cm)	0.31
Seal diameter (cm)	7.66
Depth of the seal (cm)	1.77

References:

- Behera, K.S. 1973. *Epigraphia Indica*, vol. XL, part 4, pp. 239-244.
- Tripathy, Snigdha. 2010. *Descriptive Topographical Catalogue of Orissan Inscriptions*. New Delhi : Manohar Publishers & Distributors, n°6, pp. 51-53.

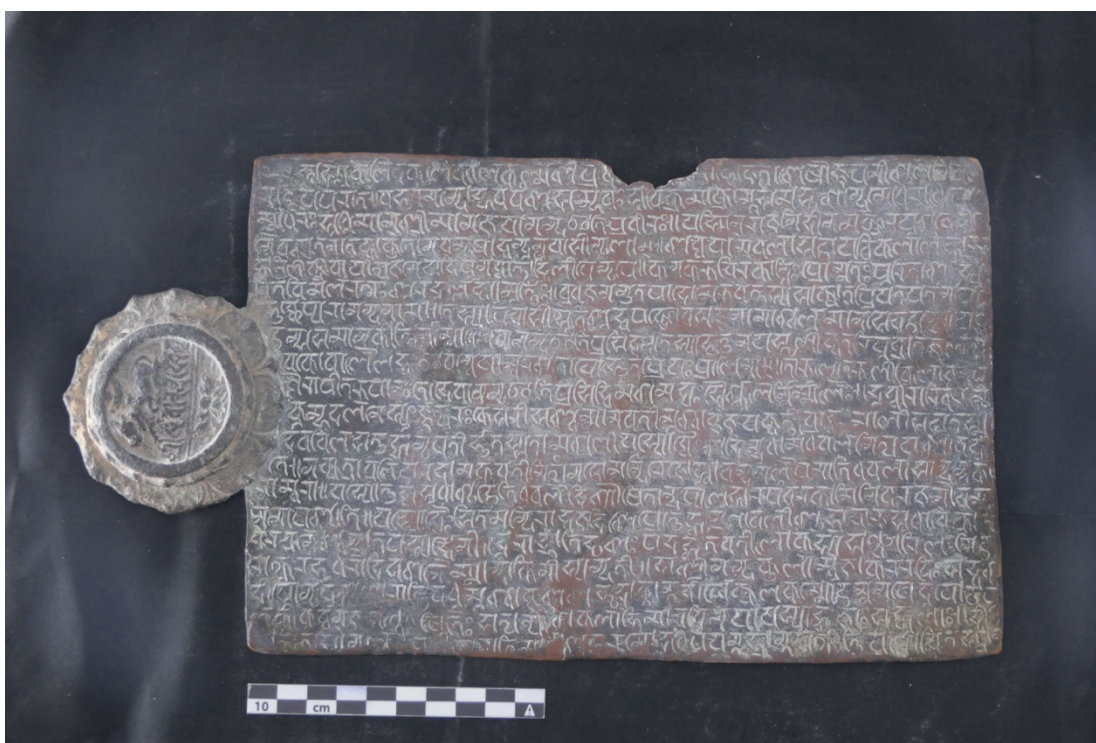


Figure 2. Talmul Copper Plate Charter of Devānandadeva, Year 152.

Link to the photos: https://didomena.ehess.fr/concern/data_sets/kd17d2505

3. ARABALA PLATE OF DAᅇᅇIMAHĀDEVĪ, YEAR 183

Identifier: DHARMA_INSBhaumakara00017.

Dynasty: Bhaumakara.

Description: Single plate with a seal attached; landscape format.

Provenance: Arabala near Jajpur, Cuttack district, Odisha.

Content: Gift of a village by DaᅇᅇimahādevĪ, daughter of Śubhakara and GaurĪmahādevĪ.

Language: Sanskrit (mixed prose and verse).

Number of inscribed faces: 2.

Total number of lines: 43 (recto: 27; verso: 16).

Metadata:

	Measurements
Weight (kg)	3.55
Height (cm)	29
Width (cm)	35.6
Depth of the rim (cm)	0.45
Seal diameter (cm)	11.77
Depth of the seal (cm)	1.5

References:

- Tripathy, Snigdha. 2000. *Inscriptions of Orissa, Vol. 2: Inscriptions of the Bhauma-Karas*. Delhi: Pratibha Prakashan, pp. 191-196.

- Acharya, Subrata Kumar. 2014. *Copper-Plate Inscriptions of Odisha: A Descriptive Catalogue (circa Fourth Century to Sixteenth Century CE)*. New Delhi: D. K. Printworld, n°17, pp. 215-216.



Figure 3. Arabala Plate of Daṇḍimahādevī, Year 180.

Link to the photos: https://didomena.ehess.fr/concern/data_sets/pr76fb95m

4. A STRAY COPPER PLATE OF A BHAÑJA KING OF KHIÑJALI-MANḌALA

Identifier: DHARMA_INSKhinjaliMandalaBhanja00001.

Dynasty: Bhañjas of Khiñjali-Manḍala.

Description: First plate of a set; seal and ring missing; landscape format.

Provenance: Somewhere around Āṭhamallik in the Angul district.

Content: incomplete, beginning *namo narāyaṇāya* ||.

Language: Sanskrit (mixed prose and verse).

Number of inscribed faces: 1.

Total number of lines: verso 10.

Metadata:

	Measurements
Weight (kg)	3.55
Height (cm)	29
Width (cm)	35.6
Depth of the rim (cm)	0.45
Seal diameter (cm)	11.77
Depth of the seal (cm)	1.5

References:

- Tripathy, Snigdha. 2010. *Descriptive Topographical Catalogue of Orissan Inscriptions*. New Delhi: Manohar Publishers & Distributors, n°21, pp. 70-71.



Figure 4. A Stray Copper Plate of Bhañja King of Khiñjali-Manḍala.

Link to the photos: https://didomena.ehess.fr/concern/data_sets/6q182t579

5. NUAPATNA PLATES OF THE TIME OF JANAMEJAYA, YEAR 5

Identifier: DHARMA_INSSomavamsin00021.

Dynasty: Somavamśin.

Description: Set of three plates with an uncut ring and a seal; landscape format.

Provenance: Nuapatna, Cuttack district.

Content: Gift of a plot of land to a brahmin by Dharmaratha yuvarāja.

Language: Sanskrit (mixed prose and verse).

Number of inscribed faces: 5.

Total number of lines: 42 (Plate 1: verso 8; plate 2: recto 8/verso 9; plate 3: recto 8/ verso 9).

Metadata:

Measurements	Minimum	Maximum
Weight (kg)	0.967 (set)	
Height (cm)	8.4	8.5
Width (cm)	15.7	15.9
Depth of the rim (cm)	0.34	
Seal diameter (cm)	4.7	
Depth of the seal (cm)	1.2	
Hole diameter (cm)	0.73	
Ring diameter (cm)	4.1	

References:

- Shastri, Ajay Mitra. 1995. *Inscriptions of the Śarabhapurīyas, Pāṇḍuvamśins and Somavamśins, Part II: Inscriptions*. Delhi: Indian Council of Historical Research and Motilal Bandarsidass, pp. 358-361.

- Tripathy, Snigdha. 2010. *Descriptive Topographical Catalogue of Orissan Inscriptions*. New Delhi: Manohar Publishers & Distributors, n°13, pp. 149-150.

- Acharya, Subrata Kumar. 2014. *Copper-Plate Inscriptions of Odisha: A Descriptive Catalogue (circa Fourth Century to Sixteenth Century CE)*. New Delhi: D. K. Printworld, n°39, pp. 277-278.



Figure 5. Nuapatna Plates of the Time of Janamejaya, Year 5.

Link to the photos: https://didomena.ehess.fr/concern/data_sets/1j92gg94x

6. BANPUR PLATES OF INDRARATHA, YEAR 6

Identifier: DHARMA_INSSomavamsin00013.

Dynasty: Somavamsin.

Description: Set of three plates with an uncut ring and a seal; landscape format.

Provenance: Banpur, Khurda district.

Content: Gift of a village by Indraratha.

Language: Sanskrit (mixed prose and verse).

Number of inscribed faces: 4.

Total number of lines: 71 (Plate 1: verso 18; plate 2: recto 18/verso 19; plate 3: recto 16).

Metadata:

Measurements	Minimum	Maximum
Weight (kg)	4.750 (set)	
Height (cm)	19.1	19.5
Width (cm)	27	27.6
Depth of the rim (cm)	0.35	0.49
Seal diameter (cm)	5.9	
Depth of the seal (cm)	3.9	
Hole diameter (cm)	2.33	2.55
Ring diameter (cm)	8.4	

References:

- Shastri, Ajay Mitra. 1995. *Inscriptions of the Śarabhapurīyas, Pāṇḍuvamśins and Somavamśins, Part II: Inscriptions*. Delhi: Indian Council of Historical Research and Motilal Bandarsidass, pp. 325-331.

- Tripathy, Snigdha. 2010. *Descriptive Topographical Catalogue of Orissan Inscriptions*. New Delhi: Manohar Publishers & Distributors, n°13, pp. 336-337.

- Acharya, Subrata Kumar. 2014. *Copper-Plate Inscriptions of Odisha: A Descriptive Catalogue (circa Fourth Century to Sixteenth Century CE)*. New Delhi: D. K. Printworld, n°32, pp. 266-268.



Figure 6. Banpur Plates of Indraratha, Year 6.

Link to the photos: https://didomena.ehess.fr/concern/data_sets/8910k3112

7. SUHAGPUR COPPER PLATE GRANT OF ŚRI NARENDRABHAÑJADEVA

Identifier: DHARMA_INSKhijjīṅgaKottaBhanja00001.

Dynasty: Bhañja of Khijjīṅga-Koṭṭa.

Description: One single plate with a seal attached and decorated on both sides; portrait format.

Provenance: Suhagpur, Puri district.

Content: Gift by Śrīman Narendrabhañja, son of Vibhramatuṅga and grandson of Koṭṭabhañja.

Language: Sanskrit (mixed prose and verse).

Number of inscribed faces: 2.

Total number of lines: 29 (Plate 1: recto 16/verso 13).

Metadata:

	Measurements
Weight (kg)	1.488
Height (cm)	21
Width (cm)	18.2
Depth of the rim (cm)	0.36
Seal diameter (cm)	8.27
Depth of the seal (cm)	2.1

References:

- Tripathy, Snigdha. 1974. *Inscriptions of Orissa, Vol. 6*. Bhubaneswar: Government of Orissa, n°B, pp. 264-267.

- Acharya, Subrata Kumar. 2014. *Copper-Plate Inscriptions of Odisha: A Descriptive Catalogue (circa Fourth Century to Sixteenth Century CE)*. New Delhi: D. K. Printworld, n°6, pp. 358-359.



Figure 7. Suhagpur Copper Plate Grant of Śrī Narendrabhaṅja.

Link to the photos: https://didomena.ehess.fr/concern/data_sets/4f16cb415

8. A COPPER PLATE CHARTER OF ANĀLASTAMBHA

Identifier: DHARMA_INSSulki00001.

Dynasty: Śulki dynasty.

Description: Single plate with a broken seal attached; portrait format.

Provenance: Somewhere in the vicinity of Parjang Police Station, Dhenkanal district.

Content: Gift of a village by the reigning king Anālastambha, son of Kalahastambha and grandson of Kañcanastambha of the Śulki family.

Language: Sanskrit (mixed prose and verse).

Number of inscribed faces: 2.

Total number of lines: 36 (Plate 1: recto 17/verso 19).

Metadata:

	Measurements
Weight (kg)	0.711
Height (cm)	18.3
Width (cm)	14.6
Depth of the rim (cm)	0.3
Seal diameter (cm)	7.33
Depth of the seal (cm)	2.1

References:

- Tripathy, Snigdha. 2010. *Descriptive Topographical Catalogue of Orissan Inscriptions*. New Delhi: Manohar Publishers & Distributors, n°2, pp. 161-162.

- Acharya, Subrata Kumar. 2014. *Copper-Plate Inscriptions of Odisha: A Descriptive Catalogue (circa Fourth Century to Sixteenth Century CE)*. New Delhi: D. K. Printworld, n°13, pp. 385-386.

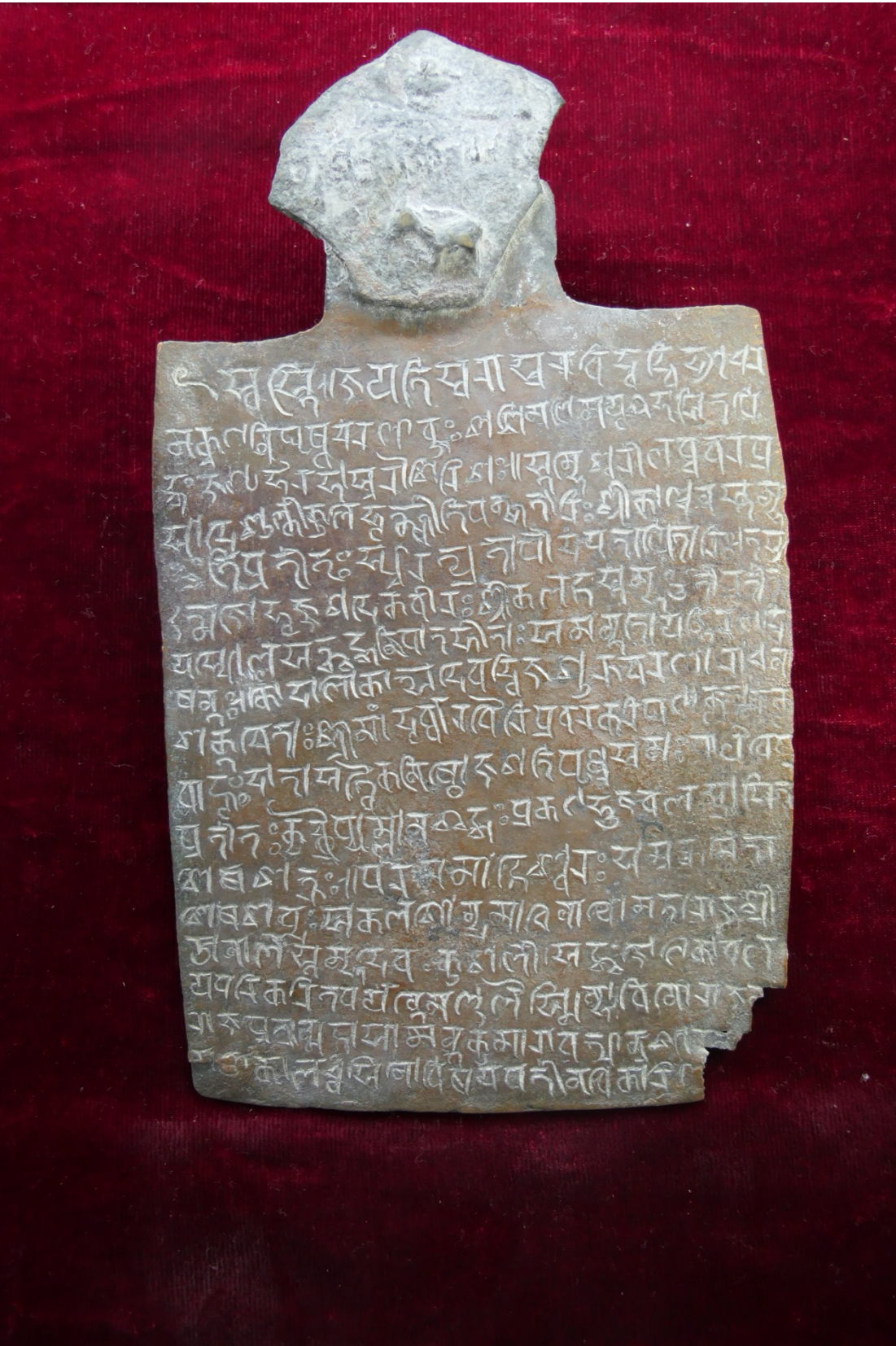


Figure 8. A Copper Plate Charter of Anālastambha.

Link to the photos: https://didomena.ehess.fr/concern/data_sets/hx11xp89t

9. AṄGAPAḌĀ COPPER PLATE CHARTER OF RAṄABHAÑJA, YEAR 28

Identifier: DHARMA_INSKhinjaliMandalaBhanja00002.

Dynasty: Bhañjas of Khiñjali-Maṇḍala.

Description: Set of three plates with a seal and a cut and twisted ring; landscape format.

Provenance: Aṅgapaḍā, Kishorenagar Police Station, Āṭhamallik subdivision, Angul district.

Content: Gift of a village to a brahmin by Raṅabhañja, son of Śatrubhañja and grandson of Śilābhañjadeva of the Bhañja family.

Language: Sanskrit (mixed prose and verse).

Number of inscribed faces: 2.

Total number of lines: 59 (plate 1: verso 13; plate 2: recto 13 / verso 13; plate 3: recto 13 / verso 7).

Metadata:

Measurements	Minimum	Maximum
Weight (kg)	2.050 (set)	
Height (cm)	11.7	11.7
Width (cm)	15.8	16
Depth of the rim (cm)	0.42	0.49
Seal diameter (cm)	4.8	
Depth of the seal (cm)	3	
Hole diameter (cm)	1.3	1.5
Ring diameter (cm)	4.9	

References:

- Tripathy, Snigdha. 2010. *Descriptive Topographical Catalogue of Orissan Inscriptions*. New Delhi: Manohar Publishers & Distributors, n°20, pp. 69-70.

- Acharya, Subrata Kumar. 2014. *Copper-Plate Inscriptions of Odisha: A Descriptive Catalogue (circa Fourth Century to Sixteenth Century CE)*. New Delhi: D. K. Printworld, n°16, pp. 309-310.



Figure 9. Anṅapaḍā Copper Plate Charter of Raṅabhañja, Year 28.

Link to the photos: https://didomena.ehess.fr/concern/data_sets/rn301951w