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Boenninghausen Boger Final General Repertory- Book Review

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Abstract: This review provides an in-depth analysis of BBFGR, a comprehensive and authoritative work on homoeopathic repertorization. Drawing on the combined methodologies of two prominent figures in the field, Boenninghausen and Dr. Boger, the repertory offers a unique approach to identifying and prescribing remedies based on patient symptoms and characteristics. The review evaluates the structure, usability, and accuracy of the repertory and assesses its role in modern homoeopathy and its importance as a valuable reference tool for practitioners.

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Full name of the book: Boenninghausen Boger Final General Repertory

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Other contributions of Dr. Shashi Kant Tiwari: Essentials of Repertorization, Essentials of Boger's Principles & Practice of Homoeopathy, Homoeopathy & Child Care

Purpose of the book: The single and exclusive purpose of composing BBFGR is to bring all these invaluable but dispersed information which are at the verge of getting lost, at one place in one book without altering the basic structure of original work, so that the original facts and figures scripted by Boenninghausen and Boger related to Repertory can be referred to in a single book. So, this upgraded piece will definitely help the students and practitioners to work out the simillimum

Evolution of BBFGR: The work done by these stalwarts Boenninghausen and Boger was commendable, but the information on various rubrics remains scattered in different books of these great authors and they are not accessible today to the learners as well as practitioners at one place due to non-availability of these publications or because they have been overlooked. So, with the objective to revive and retrieve the finest homoeopathic literature, Dr. Shashi Kant Tiwari and Dr. V. Sathish Kumar condensed all the invaluable information in 12 different publications into one i.e. Boenninghausen Boger Final General Repertory by retaining the plan and construction, philosophy and working methodology same as that of *BBCR*.

Source of data for BBFGR:

The BBFGR is comprised of the following treatises –

1. Antipsoric Repertory and other contemporary publication of Boenninghausen
2. Boenninghausen's Therapeutic Pocket Book
3. A Synoptic Key Repertory- Boger
4. Times of the Remedies- Boger
5. Moon Phases- Boger
6. Additions to Kent's Repertory- Boger
7. Boenninghausen's Lesser Writings
8. Boger's Card Repertory- General Analysis
9. Repertory of the Symptoms of Ovaries- Boger
10. Boenninghausen's Characteristics and Repertory- Materia Medica- Boger
11. A Synoptic Key- Materia Medica- Boger
12. Essentials of Boger's Principle and Practice of Homoeopathy- Dr S K Tiwari

Macrostructure Of Boenninghausen Boger Final General Repertory (BBFGR)

- Title- **Boenninghausen Boger Final General Repertory**
- Authors- Dr Shashi Kant Tiwari,
Dr V Sathish Kumar
- Publishers- B. Jain Publishers (P) Ltd.
- Contributors
- Foreword
- Introduction
- Source of data
- Structure
- Utility and working methods
- Contents (53 chapters, same as in BBCR)
- List of medicines used in Boenninghausen Boger Final General Repertory (164 new abbreviations have been added to the list of remedies from BBCR)
- Boenninghausen- a short biography
- Boger- a short biography
- Publisher's note
- Repertory

Structure

Philosophical background- Doctrine of complete symptom, causation and concomitant, doctrine of pathological generals, clinical rubrics and fever totality

- BBCR was observed to be the most enriched work on Repertory among all the works of Boenninghausen and Boger. So, BBCR was decided to be the base book for the intended additions from above mentioned sources to compile BBFGR.
- Author has clearly mentioned about the changes and addition in the introduction part under the section structure.

Typography:

5 marks- CAPITAL

4 marks- **Bold**

3 marks- *italics*

2 marks- Roman

1 mark- (Roman)

- The typological changes which were changed in BBFGR were explained in detail under the heading STRUCTURE and also in tabular form and few examples were mentioned to explain the changes.

Example: -

Boger synoptic key, Times of remedies, Boger General analysis	BBFGR
3 Mark- CAPITAL	5 Mark- CAPITAL
2 Mark- Bold	4 Mark- Bold
1 Mark- Roman	2 Mark- Roman

- The rubrics in each chapter has been arranged in LSMC pattern.
- Any new rubrics or medicines that has been added from other sources carry citation number (1,2,3....12) on the head denoting the source.

Example: -

Chapter- Stomach

Pulsation¹:- Kali-n., Ol-an¹¹

*In pit*¹⁰ :- *Asaf*.

*Sensible*¹⁰:- *Puls*

Which means that the rubric ‘pulsation’ was taken from the source book no.1 i.e. Antipsoric Repertory and other contemporary publication of Boenninghausen; sub-rubric ‘in pit’ was taken from the source book no.10, i.e. Boenninghausen’s Characteristics and Repertory-Materia Medica- Boger

- The selection of rubrics is easy as there is no need to know the meanings of rubrics for differentiation purposes as all the rubrics with similar meaning or synonyms are mentioned together at the same place.

Example- 1. MIND- Absence of, lost in thought, absent minded, etc

2. HEAD- INTERNAL- Reverberation, resounding, buzzing, roaring, clang

- The information borrowed from other sources are placed in this book in relevant chapters

Example: -

1. From *Times of Remedies* to the Time modalities of related sections
2. From *Moon phases* to General modalities
3. “Repertory of the Symptoms of Ovaries” is added as a sub-chapter under Genitalia-Female titled as same

- New rubrics and medicines have been added to every chapter.
- The number of rubrics and medicines added to each chapter have been mentioned in a tabular form.

Example: - SLEEP

S.no.	Source book	No of additions
1.	Antipsoric	331
2.	BTPB	174
3.	BSK	114
4.	Times of remedies	158
5.	Additions to Kent’s repertory	46

6.	Boger general analysis	6
7.	BBCR MM	107
8.	BSK MM	87

S.no.	Type of source	Total additions
1.	Repertory additions	829
2.	Materia medica additions	194

Case

A 23-year-old male patient presented with complaints of constant sneezing, profuse watery discharge from nose and eyes since yesterday. Eyes were red with itching and burning. Eyelids were heavy and he was unable to open the eyes. Complaints aggravated in warm room and ameliorated in open air. Ailments from exposure to dust and sudden change of weather.

Repertorial totality

1. NOSE- sneezing^{3,2,6}, frequent¹⁰
 2. NOSE- sneezing^{3,2,6}, persistent³
 3. NOSE- discharges, watery
 4. EYES- watery, eyes¹¹
 5. EYES- burning
 6. CONDITIONS OF AGGRAVATION AND AMELIORATION IN GENERAL- air, open, in, amel.
 7. CONDITIONS OF AGGRAVATION AND AMELIORATION IN GENERAL- warmth in general
- Agg.

Repertorial result

Allium Cepa- 25/6

Bryonia- 14/3

Arsenic Album- 13/3

Asarum Europaeum- 12/3

Sulphur- 12/3

Phosphorus- 11/3

Aconitum Napellus- 11/4

Conclusion

- The uniqueness of this book is its vast number of sources and authors has taken utmost importance to mention the source from which data is collected by giving citations for every rubric and medicine collected.
- The search for rubrics is difficult as there is no word index. There is no thumb index for the book. For a few chapters there is no separate Concomitants chapter.
- This Repertory is enriched with more than 69,263 additions done in BBCR therefore, it has added advantage over any other works of Boenninghausen and Boger.
- Its comprehensive structure and methodical approach provide a valuable resource for practitioners, offering clear insights into the therapeutic use of remedies.
- By blending the expertise of two influential figures in homeopathy, Boenninghausen and Boger, this repertory bridges classical and modern practices, making it an essential addition to any homeopathic library.
- While it may require dedication and experience to fully navigate its depth, BBFGR is not complicated as the knowledge of the construction and structure of just the BBCR makes it very easy to understand and go through the book.
- Since the philosophy and working methodology is the same as BBCR, it may help both the novice and experienced practitioners, and students to learn and work out the cases successfully in a better way.

