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**MAPPING INDO-EUROPEAN ANATOMICAL TERMINOLOGY IV: ALBANIAN *TRU*
~ *TRÛ* “BRAIN”**

Abstract: The present study analyzes an Albanian anatomical term with uncertain etymology, Tosk *tru*, Gheg *trÛ* “brain; marrow.” The existing etymologies are summarized and briefly discussed. Finally, a new etymological alternative is introduced. With regard to the most frequent semantic pattern expressing that the “brain” is found “in the head,” the Albanian anatomical term is etymologized with help of Indo-Aryan **tāru-* “top of the head; palate”; Iranian **tāra-* “forehead, top of head or mountain,” as well as **tarna-* “crown of the head”; Anatolian **tarna-* “head, skull”; and Tocharian B *tarne* “crown of the head.”

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