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n.

1. Cloying speech or sentiment.
2. *Chiefly British* Molasses.
3. A medicinal compound formerly used as an antidote for poison.

[Middle English *triacle*, antidote for poison, from Old French, from Latin *thēriaca*, from Greek *thēriakē* (*antidotos*), (antidote against) wild animals, feminine of *thēriakos*, of wild animals, from *thērion*, diminutive of *thēr*, beast; see *ghwer-* [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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