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Italian biologist who, in the mid-1700s, performed experiments on the effects of camphor on animals. Camphor has many uses, including as the active ingredient in mothballs, some explosives, liniments and other medicines, and for the production of many plastics. Menghini's work helped to elucidate some of these roles played by camphor, especially those dealing with its medical uses.