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Mu'alla b. Ibrahim al-Wasiti narrated from Ibn Mahbub from Muhriz b. Sulayman al-Azraq, from Abu al-Jarud from Abu Ishaq from al-Harith al-A'war al-Hamdani from Amir al-Mu'minin, peace be upon him, that one of his companions had complained to him of sciatica ('irq al-nisa'). He [Amir al-Mu'minin] replied: 'When yon experience it place your hand on it and say:

"In the Name of the Merciful, the Compassionate. In the Name of Allah, and by Allah, I take refuge in the Name of Allah, the Great, and I take refuge in the Name of Allah, the Mighty, from the evil of every throbbing blood vessel ('irq nuqqar), and from the evil of the heat of the fire."

You will be cured, Allah, the Exalted, willing.' The man said: 'I recited that only three times, and Allah removed my suffering and I was cured of it.'

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