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On Penetrating Winds

Ja'far b. Jabir al-Ta'i narrated from Musa b. Imran b. Yazid al-Sayqal from 'Umar b. Yazid, who said Jabir b. Hassan al-Sufi wrote to Abu 'Abd Allah, peace be upon him: 'O son of the Messenger of Allah, I have been detained by a wind penetrating (*rih shabika*) me from my head to my feet, so pray to Allah for me.' Abu 'Abd Allah, peace be upon him, prayed for him and wrote to him: 'Inhale ambergris (*al-'anbar*) and mercury (*al-zaybaq*) on an empty stomach and you will be cured of it, Allah, the Exalted, willing.' He did that and recovered as quickly as a camel loosed from its cord.

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