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in unraveling the logic of local practice and local understanding of

affliction, commonly used to diagnose the experiences of illness and misfortune.