

Alzabo elixir not so far-fetched?

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Gerry Quinn — 13 Jul 2013, 16:55

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Jerry Friedman — 14 Jul 2013, 03:30 · in reply to Gerry Quinn

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Andy Robertson — 14 Jul 2013, 03:49 · in reply to Jerry Friedman

I heard tell it was a duff experiment. The worms who were fed chopped worms were on an ideal worm diet and learned faster for that reason. The controls had an inferior diet.

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On 14/07/2013 04:30, Jerry Friedman wrote:

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David Stockhoff — 14 Jul 2013, 05:29 · in reply to Jerry Friedman

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antonio at gmail.com — 14 Jul 2013, 11:23 · in reply to Gerry Quinn

Planarians can hardly be said to have brains. And they aren't worms like the ones we find in our yards. They barely have any internal structure. I don't think anything very useful can be learned from them in what concerns the way the bodies of more complex animals work.

No dia 13/07/2013, ?s 17:55, "Gerry Quinn" <gerry at bindweed.com> escreveu:

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Gerry Quinn — 14 Jul 2013, 14:06 · in reply to David Stockhoff

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Exactly. You can't predict alien super-science without joining the dots a bit!

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