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... launching the James Lind Initiative that help people how to recognise untrustworthy claims about the effects of treatments
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The James Lind Alliance: patients and clinicians should jointly identify their priorities for clinical trials

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