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Work to develop a pill to treat asthma has shown "massive promise", according to the charity Asthma UK. Most of the five million people in the UK with asthma control the condition using inhalers. While the study was small, the charity said the drug could be a step towards a new wave of treatments. I think it is important in lots of ways. We have had a really good treatment for asthma for lots of years which are great but there is no doubt that asthma sufferers do not like inhalers so having it in a tablet form is hugely exciting.