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the charity asthma UK has said work on the development of a pill to treat asthma has shown massive promise the Lancet respiratory medicine journal says the study found that the drug called heavy pipes and significantly decreased symptoms of asthma in those who took it more and 5 million people in the UK have the condition as the UK's director of research and policy Samantha Walker said the study had been small and prospect of a pill being available over the pharmacy counter that was a long way off but she expressed cautious optimism we had really good treatment fast for many years that are delivered through inhalers which operate that is no doubt a lot of people that you really don't like inhalers so have the opportunity to

have a new treatment in tablet form is hugely exciting a is also targeting a slightly different part of asthma so that that this might Herald a new wave of treatment is really exciting and the RMT union says southern railways staff will begin a 5 day strike on Monday after talks about changing the role of conductors broke down commuters in southern England have already been hit by months of delays and cancellations to services BBC news of 3 minutes passed to annex of