

Genzyme, “miracle drugs” and “One girl’s hope, a nation’s dilemma”

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http://www.boston.com/news/world/latinamerica/articles/2009/06/14/one_girls_hope_a_nations_dilemma/

A. Vocabulary: After reading the article quickly for general comprehension, go back and locate these words in the text. First try to understand the general meaning from the context of use (which may be the sentence or the paragraph). Then identify the part of speech, and if necessary, look up the definition for **this use**.

1. penchant
2. frail
3. inert
4. baffled
5. spindly
6. intravenous
7. a catch
8. absurd
9. recoup
10. cajole
11. under the radar
12. ombudsman
13. photogenic
14. stoic
15. precedent

B. Comprehension Question: Explain Genzyme’s basic business model and strategy.

C. Reading between the lines

To Jose, to his neighbors, it did not look like an American drug company putting pressure on their nation's healthcare system. It looked like the little guy against the government, with Genzyme quietly helping out the little guy. (p.5)

What is the author implying here? Be sure to review this quote in the context of the information that precedes and follows it.

D. Discussion