The Drug to End All Drugs

Addicts may get new lives, as clinical studies of exotic, controversial ibogaine are set to resume

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That there seems to have been a government attempt to suppress ibogaine is not of much interest to Mash. Actually, she'll have none of it. “That's a bunch of crap from the underground,” she says. “They're a bunch of conspiracy yuppies!”

The real money for drug development doesn't come from the government, notes Mash. It comes from the pharmaceutical industry. If the right corporate partner materializes, and if the clinical trials run smoothly, she says, a safe and effective drug derived from the drug-to-end-all-drugs could be FDA-approved in three years.

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