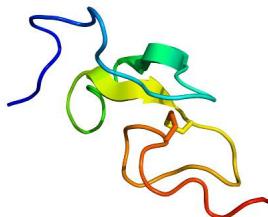




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Only our wise and loving Creator could have provided us with this convenient and powerful medical treatment. Only He could have built into us the natural reaction of putting an injured finger into our mouth. Like so much else in the creation, this is too well designed to be nothing more than a series of unrelated coincidences!

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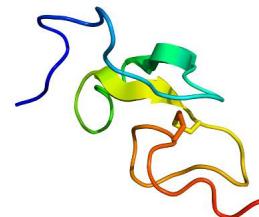
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