Can you guess the missing word to complete each of the headlines?

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Echinacea - immune system [ ]

Gingko biloba [ ] memory test

Prescribing the miracle [ ]

Medicinal cannabis is [ ] tool
Here is some additional information about each article.

**Aspirin protects men's hearts and women's brains**  
17 January 2006  
NewScientist.com news service  
Alison Motluk  
Aspirin prevents cardiovascular events in both women and men, but in different ways, a new study suggests. In women, aspirin reduces strokes, and in men it cuts down on heart attacks. But there are no statistically significant benefits the other way round, according to the analysis.

**Echinacea - immune system booster**  
Daily Mail 24/10/2001  
The echinacea plant, a member of the sunflower family, was originally used by native Americans to heal wounds, infections and even snakebites. It is effectively a 'multi-purpose' herb because of its wide range of properties.

**Gingko biloba fails memory test**  
20 August 2002  
NewScientist.com news service  
Gaia Vince  
Gingko biloba has no beneficial effect on memory in healthy older people, according to a US study. The popular herbal supplement is extracted from leaves of the gingko biloba tree. It is widely believed to enhance memory and concentration, and sales in the US alone exceed 200 million dollars each year.

**Cannabis: Prescribing the miracle weed**  
05 February 2005  
Magazine issue 2485  
Clare Wilson  
The drug can be a lifeline, and a fortunate few may soon get it on prescription. But why has it taken so long?"I HAVE had patients commit suicide because they said life had no meaning for them any more," says William Notcutt, an anaesthetist at James Paget Hospital in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, on England's east coast. Notcutt specialises in treating patients in severe long-term pain. The causes are varied, ranging from spinal injuries to multiple sclerosis, but most of the patients have one thing in common: existing medicines don't help them.

**Medical cannabis is a blunt tool**  
11:00 30 July 2006  
From New Scientist Print Edition.  
Helen Phillips  
If anecdotes and ancient medicine are to be trusted, cannabis is a wonder drug. Yet results of clinical trials have been mixed and its use in modern medicine remains limited. Now it seems the reasons may be practical as much as political and cultural: there are fundamental problems with how our bodies respond to the stuff.