DNA methylation study finds key to bee destiny

New research published in the journal <u>Nature Neuroscience</u> on September 16, 2012, and reviewed at the <u>Eureka Alert web site</u> on the same day is the first to develop an understanding of behavior and the relationship of <u>DNA methylation</u> to behavioral change in <u>bees</u>.

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