The finding of Manu Prakash et al that animals without a nervous system behave as if they had it, is a challenge for standard biology. Similar challenges are posed by the observation that organisms without a nervous system, even plants and bacteria, have senses and purposeful motor actions, and are also able to learn. This finding led to a considerably progress in the understanding of TGD inspired quantum biology.

The TGD based view about cell and neuronal membrane, nerve pulse and EEG assumes pre-neural level which is quantal. In this view, cell membranes act as Josephson junctions and communicate sensory input to the magnetic body (MB) of the system as dark Josephson radiation. MB in turn controls the cell by dark cyclotron radiation produced as pulses as MB receives frequency modulated Josephson radiation resonantly.

Gravitational MB of Earth, which consists of very long loop-like flux tubes with gravitational Planck constant introduced by Nottale explains the findings of Blackman and others, is of special interest and assumed to play a key role in metabolism. Gravitationally dark protons would be associated with very long gravitationally dark hydrogen bonds (HBs) so that hydrogen is effectively negatively ionized. Gravitationally dark electrons or their Cooper pairs would in turn accompany gravitationally dark valence bonds connecting metal atoms or their Cooper pairs with molecules of opposite valence (hydrogen peroxide H_2O_2). Also the metal atom is effectively ionized. This provides a more accurate view of dark metal ions assumed to play a central role in the TGD inspired quantum biology.

A correct order of magnitude estimate for the upper bound metabolic energy quantum as the energy liberated as a dark proton hydrogen bond becomes ordinary is obtained. A more precise model predicts correctly the nominal value of metabolic energy quantum for proton triplets which appear also in the generation of ATP. For triplets of electron Cooper pairs, the same mechanism predicts an upper bound of the electronic metabolic energy quantum, which corresponds to the so-called miniature potential. This raises the question whether the letters of genetic code could be realized by the 4 states of electron Cooper pairs and whether the Posner molecule could realize it.

Also the gravitational MB of Sun could be involved and the prediction is that the energy range for the metabolic energy quanta corresponds to the range of visible energies so that photosynthesis could use photon energy to kick dark protons and dark electrons to the gravitational MBs of Earth and Sun to serve as metabolic energy storage.

Electronic metabolism would solve the problem due the lack of ATP machinery inside cilium and near it. This picture leads to a rather detailed model of the role of phosphate in metabolism and also to a detailed model for the pairing of DNA and dark DNA (DDNA) and forces to modify the earlier model somewhat. The quantum gravitational view about metabolism leads also to modifications of the views about nerve pulses: in particular, of the role of biologically important metal ions identified as dark ions.

Cilium can be interpreted as a predecessor of the axonal membrane and the pre-nerve pulses are predicted to be equal to miniature potentials and the reported 'spikes' as analogs of nerve pulses are assigned with de-adhesion of cilium from its neighbor or the surfaces at which the animal moves. The 'spikes' correspond to at least 100 miniature potentials just as real spikes do.

Cilium is modeled as a 2-D quantum gravitational pendulum with gravitational Planck constant controlled by MB using electronic metabolic energy quanta and the resulting model for the motion is in many respects similar to the model of nerve pulse.

Miniature spikes could appear also in plants. For the recently observed spike sequences in fungi, the voltage spike has an amplitude whose order of magnitude is consistent with the electronic metabolic energy quantum.