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- Pharmaceutical industry financial ties linked to ‘positive’ outcomes in clinical trials for new drugs - The Sydney Morning Herald 18/01/2017
- Study raises questions about bias in research of prescription drugs - The Globe and Mail 19/01/2017


**Observations:** Prohibition enables systematic human rights abuses and undermines public health

Observations: Millions of people are left with untreated pain

Observations: People who use drugs are denied evidence based treatment

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Think you know everything about... DIETS - Daily Mail 16/01/2017

Hospitals are cancelling ‘urgent’ cancer operations - The Independent 16/01/2017

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Eating for two won't harm child long term - the Daily Mail & Scottish Daily Mail 17/01/2017
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Top civil servant investigated after group claims of bullying with one member of staff ‘on the verge of a breakdown’ - The Sun 17/01/2017

The right kind of chocolate may be good for you–and your diabetes - Inquirer.net 17/01/2017

6 Incredible Benefits of Asparagus, the Nutrient Powerhouse - NDTV 12/01/2017

Being rude to your doctor could be deadly, study finds - RedOrbit 16/01/2017

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Eating Spicy Food Found to Help You Live Longer - KDWN 17/01/2017

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Will an end to sugar quotas undermine a sugar tax? - FoodNavigator.com 19/01/2017

Drinking “Well”: Should You Order the High-end Stuff at a Bar? - Memphis Flyer 19/01/2017

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Why January can feel like the great depression - Independent i 19/01/2017

Migraines tied to increased stroke risk after surgery - Reuters 18/01/2017

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Research: Effect of minimal acupuncture for infantile colic: a multicentre, three-armed, single-blind, randomised controlled trial (ACU-COL)

Colic study stirs prickly debate on acupuncture - CNN 17/01/17
Can acupuncture ease baby colic? - BBC News Online 17/01/17
Will colicky babies benefit from acupuncture? - Times of India 17/01/17

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Research: A double edged sword: does highly active antiretroviral therapy contribute to syphilis incidence by impairing immunity to Treponema pallidum?

Risky behaviour not only cause of syphilis outbreaks, new study proposes - CBC Canada 17/01/17
Better HIV treatment 'could be driving up syphilis rates by eliminating the fear factor', study claims - Daily Mail 16/01/17
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Commentary: Die Another Day, James Bond’s smoking over six decades

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It’s not the vodka Martinis you should worry about: Watching James Bond could turn you into a SMOKER - Daily Mail 17/01/17
The spy who quit? Lovers keep James Bond passive smoking risk up - Business World Online 17/01/17

Are ‘natural’ cigarette smokers being misled?  - Reuters US 20/01/17

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Respiratory physicians to Trump: Want to make America great again? Then deal with climate change  - HealthDesk 20/01/17 (in Italian)

Study links processed meats to asthma symptoms in adults - Safety + Health Magazine 17/01/17
Processed meats damage lung function  - eMax Health 18/01/17

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