BMJ in the News is a weekly digest of journal stories, plus any other news about the company that has appeared in the national and a selection of English-speaking international media.

A total of 18 journals were picked up in the media last week (30 March - 5 April) - our highlights include:

- Health experts in *The BMJ* calling for health and climate change warning labels on petrol pumps made headlines in *The Guardian*, *The Times* and *MailOnline*.

- A letter in the *Annals of Rheumatic Diseases* suggesting that limited global supplies may scupper proposals to use antimalarials to ward off COVID-19 was picked up by *Express*, *Voice of America* and *The Punch* (Nigeria).

- Research published in *Thorax* indicating that COPD is linked to a heightened risk of lung cancer in people who have never smoked made headlines in *Newsweek*, *Outlook India* and *Medical Dialogues*.

- The launch of *The BMJ*’s #properPPE campaign was picked up by *Mirage News*, *MailOnline* and *inews*.

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**PRESS RELEASES**

*The BMJ* | *Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases*  
*Thorax*

**EXTERNAL PRESS RELEASES**

*BMJ Military Health*

**OTHER COVERAGE**

*The BMJ* | *BMJ Global Health*  
*BMJ Open* | *BMJ Open Diabetes Research & Care*  
*BMJ Quality & Safety* | *British Journal of Ophthalmology*  
*British Journal of Sports Medicine* | *Heart*  
*Journal of Clinical Pathology* | *Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health*  
*Journal of Medical Ethics* | *Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry*  
*Occupational & Environmental Medicine* | *RMD Open*  
*Vet Record*  

**BMJ**
Coronavirus: The race to find a treatment (Theo Blood talking about MedRxiv, skip to 1:40) BBC World Service Business Daily 01/04/2020

The BMJ press release coverage

Opinion: We need health warning labels on points of sale of fossil fuels (PR)

Climate-damaging products should come with smoking-style warnings The Guardian 31/03/2020
Plea for cigarette-style warnings on fuel pumps The Times 31/03/2020
Health experts call for petrol pumps to have cigarette packet-style graphic images showing the damage fossil fuel emissions have on our lungs and body Daily Mail - This is Money 31/03/2020


Research: Comparison of dietary macronutrient patterns of 14 popular named dietary programmes for weight and cardiovascular risk factor reduction in adults: systematic review and network meta-analysis of randomised trials + Linked editorial: Comparative weight loss with popular diets

Fad diets DO work... but only for a year: Health benefits such as weight loss and blood pressure vanish after 12 months, new study suggests Daily Mail 02/04/2020


#properPPE campaign

BMJ launches campaign to protect healthcare staff on frontline of covid-19 outbreak Mirage News 03/04/2020
ALL health workers must wear an apron, mask, goggles and gloves if within 2 metres of a suspected or confirmed coronavirus patient, officials rule in new NHS safety guide MailOnline 02/04/2020
Nurses 'told to walk away' from cardiac arrests inews 03/04/2020
Also in: tctmd, LocalTV Ltd, newsgroove,

Further coverage for AI and medical imaging
Study: Artificial Intelligence May Not Be Better at Reading Medical Scans Newsmax 30/03/2020

Further coverage for sexual activity among adults in Britain
Are You Getting Any? The Problem with Video Sex Vice 31/03/2020

Further coverage for acupuncture and migraines
**Acupuncture May Ease Migraines** New York Times 01/04/2020

Also in: Pain News Network

**Further coverage for some antibiotics linked to birth defects**

Some antibiotics prescribed during pregnancy linked with birth defects Vet Candy 31/03/2020

**Further coverage for eggs consumption and CVD risk**

Eating three to six eggs a week could cut your risk of heart disease Yahoo News 02/04/2020

Also in: Yahoo Singapore, The World News

**Further coverage for cycling to work and risk of injury**

HEALTH: Cycling: healthy or high-risk? MailOnline 05/03/2020

Also in: Express Digest

**Other notable coverage**

A down economy could affect mental health, but staying connected can help, expert says The Washington Post 30/03/2020

Roberto Stella, Regional Doctor with a National Presence, Dies at 67 The New York Times 31/03/2020

Some Coronavirus Patients Show Signs of Brain Ailments The New York Times 01/04/2020

Newcastle medical student on heading to the front line BBC News (Live updates, scroll to 17:32 2 April) 02/04/2020

10 million tests a day needed to end UK lockdown and avert economic disaster The Telegraph 02/04/2020

Italy Urges Action; Singapore Closes Workplaces: Virus Update The Washington Post 03/04/2020

U.K. Backs Off Medical Rationing Plan as Coronavirus Rages The Washington Post 03/04/2020

U.K. Backs Off Medical Rationing Plan as Coronavirus Rages The New York Times 03/04/2020

**JOURNALS**

**Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases**

Letter: To consider or not antimalarials as a prophylactic intervention in the SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19) pandemic (PR)

Italian doctors raise concerns over possible antimalarial use for coronavirus Express 02/04/2020

Doctors Warn of Malaria Drug Scarcity Voice of America 02/04/2020

COVID-19: Malaria drugs getting scarce – Doctors The Punch (Nigeria) 02/04/2020

No Additional Risk for Hepatobiliary Events With Biosimilar Etanercept vs Originator in Inflammatory Joint Disease  Rheumatology Advisor 30/03/2020

Fewer Side Effects With Naproxen vs Low-Dose Colchicine in Gout Flare Treatment in Primary Care  Rheumatology Advisor 02/04/20

Phase 3 Results Suggest Low-Dose Prednisone Lowers Flare Risk in SLE Patients in Remission  Lupus News Today 03/04/20

Tanezumab: A Win as Last-Ditch Osteoarthritis Tx  MedPage Today 03/04/20

Preliminary findings suggest no need for preventive DMARD withdrawal during COVID-19 pandemic  Medwire News 03/04/2020

Rheumatologists urge caution on chloroquine, hydroxychloroquine use for COVID-19  Medwire News 03/04/2020

Thorax

Brief Report: Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and lung cancer incidence in never smokers  (PR)

COPD PATIENTS WHO HAVE NEVER SMOKED COULD BE AT GREATER RISK OF DEVELOPING LUNG CANCER, STUDY SUGGESTS  Newsweek 03/04/20

Non-smokers with COPD at higher risk of lung cancer: Study  Outlook India 03/04/20

COPD linked to increased risk of lung cancer in non-smokers  Medical Dialogues 03/04/20


BMJ Global Health

No gender equality: why COVID-19 appears to be far more deadly for men than women  Sputnik International 04/04/20

BMJ Military Health

Research: Veterans Universal Passport: a pilot of a health and social care record for UK ex-service personnel  (External PR)

Passport to improved health for military veterans  Medical Xpress 03/04/2020


BMJ Open

Research: Does breast reduction surgery improve health-related quality of life? A prospective cohort study in Australian women  (External PR)
Cancer team says simple change would save 50,000 people by 2050  The Sydney Morning Herald 30/03/2020
Also in: Brisbane Times + widely covered by Australian news outlets

SF-36 and BREAST-Q confirm health benefits of surgical breast reduction  Medical Xpress 30/03/2020

Time to scale-up prevention over detection of skin cancers  Mirage News 31/03/2020

Clinical study aims to tackle obesity with DeltaGold Tocotrienols  Nutritional Outlook 31/03/2020

Which DIY mask pattern should you use? Even experts can’t pick one to recommend.  The Washington Post 01/04/2020
Also in: Seattle Times, Angle News, Boston.com, News-India Times, MSN NZ,

Heavy Stress May Shorten Our Life Expectancy, Says Study  Indian24 News 02/04/2020

BMJ Open Diabetes Research & Care
Type 2 diabetes: The simple exercise you can do at home to lower blood sugar  Express 05/04/2020
Also in: The News Amed

BMJ Quality & Safety
Do ER Caregivers’ On-The-Job Emotions Affect Patient Care?  Scienmag 30/03/2020

Stress in emergency rooms may affect patient care  UPI 03/04/2020

British Journal of Ophthalmology
Ocutrx Appoints Dr. Daniel Ting to International Medical and Scientific Advisory Boards as Company Eyes Expansion into Medical Data, Telemedicine and AI Tech  Yahoo Finance 31/03/2020
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British Journal of Sports Medicine
5 Ways to Get a Really Good Stair-Climber Workout  Shape Magazine 30/03/2020

Adversity of postponements caused by COVID-19 a familiar feeling for athletes  CBC 02/04/2020
Also in: Eon TV, Canada 24 News

Morning exercise improves cognitive performance throughout the day  Earth.com 02/04/2020

The New Training Rule for Injury Prevention  Outside Magazine 03/04/2020

FITNESS CHECK How exercise can protect against coronavirus – but don’t overdo it  The Sun 06/04/2020
Gender-confused males banned from competing in Idaho women's sports. LifeSiteNews 03/04/20

Idaho becomes first state to protect female athletes from competing against males. Washington Examiner 05/04/20

Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry
41 Ways Alcohol Ruins Your Health. MSN Lifestyle 02/04/2020
Also in: Eat This, Not That!

Occupational & Environmental Medicine
15 Surprising Ways Pollution Could Potentially Affect Your Health. Business Insider India 04/04/20
Also in: MSN UK, MSN Philippines

RMD Open
Tofacitinib Linked to Rapid, Consistent Improvement of Pain in Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal Diseases. Rheumatology Advisor 01/04/2020

Vet Record
Dr. Fox: Beagle's carsickness may be due to stress. Winston Salem Journal 03/04/20 (link unavailable)

Animal Doctor: Euthanasia experience continues to haunt dog owner. Tulsa News 02/04/20 (link unavailable)
Also in: Cumberland-Times News