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 25 journals were picked up in the media last week (18-24 May) - our highlights include:

- A review in the British Journal of Sports Medicine suggesting that yoga seems to ease depressive symptoms in people with other mental health issues made international headlines, including CNN, The Daily Telegraph and International Business Times.

- A study published in BMJ Open Diabetes Research & Care suggesting that a dairy-rich diet is linked to lower risks of diabetes and high blood pressure generated global coverage, including Newsweek, International Business Times and Times of India.

- Further coverage for two studies in The BMJ assessing the effectiveness and safety of hydroxychloroquine for patients with covid-19, including Sky News, Outlook India, Times of India and CNN International Live.

**BMJ PRESS RELEASES**

The BMJ | BMJ Open Diabetes Research & Care
British Journal of Sports Medicine | Drug & Therapeutics Bulletin
Journal of Medical Ethics | Occupational & Environmental Medicine

**EXTERNAL PRESS RELEASES**

BMJ Open | BMJ Global Health
BMJ Nutrition Prevention & Health | Gut
Journal of Medical Ethics | Tobacco Control

**OTHER COVERAGE**

The BMJ | Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases
Archives of Disease in Childhood | BMJ Case Reports
BMJ Paediatrics Open | British Journal of Ophthalmology
Heart | Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health
Journal of Investigative Medicine | Journal of Medical Genetics
Journal of NeuroInterventional Surgery
Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry | RMD Open
Thorax | Vet Record

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19/05/2020

Preprints: straight from lab to web (Theo Bloom interviewed) Naked Scientist 18/05/2020

The BMJ press release coverage

Research: Early warning scores for detecting deterioration in adult hospital patients: systematic review and critical appraisal of methodology

NHS scoring system used to identify patients at risk of dying based on flawed evidence, suggests study Independent 21/05/2020

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Research: Oral fluconazole use in the first trimester and risk of congenital malformations: population based cohort study

RISKS OF BIRTH DEFECTS WITH ORAL FLUCONAZOLE DURING PREGNANCY
MedicalResearch.com 21/05/2020


Editorial: Covid 19 and alcohol – a dangerous cocktail

Coronavirus: 'Tackle harmful lockdown drinking,' BMJ editorial warns BBC News 21/05/2020
Coronavirus: Effects of increased alcohol use in lockdown could last a generation, experts warn Sky News 20/05/2020
Coronavirus: Failure to tackle problem drinking during lockdown could lead to second health crisis, warn experts The Independent 21/05/2020


Research: Features of 20133 UK patients in hospital with covid-19 using the ISARIC WHO Clinical Characterisation Protocol: prospective observational cohort study

Editorial: Covid-19 care before, during, and beyond the hospital

In the largest-ever study of coronavirus cases outside China, 26% of patients died. Their symptoms came in 'clusters.' Business Insider 23/05/2020

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Further coverage for hydroxychloroquine for patients with COVID-19

Trump says he's taking malaria drug in case he gets virus - Outlook India

Coronavirus: Trump takes disputed medicine as 'preventative' measure against COVID-19 - Sky News

COVID-19: ICMR to review effectiveness of Hydroxychloroquine after doubts raised on efficacy of drug - Times of India


Further coverage for COVID-19 death counts represent “substantial underestimation” of actual deaths for some Italian regions

Study: Health impacts of COVID-19 may go far beyond the official death counts - News-Medical.Net

ITALIAN DATA REPORTS MARKED INCREASE IN ALL-CAUSE MORTALITY DURING COVID-19 EPIDEMIC - MedicalResearch

Also in: Bioengineer, Health Medicine Network, Scienmag

Further coverage for compression stockings

Graduated Compression Stockings May Not Be Needed After Surgery - Renal & Urology News

Further coverage for the UK’s public health response to COVID-19

Johnson 'reckless' in easing lockdown before Varadkar, expert says - The Guardian

Too little, too late, too flawed: the BMJ's indictment of the government’s response to Covid-19 - New Statesman

Also in: Medical Brief South Africa, simplenews.co,

Further coverage for AI and medical imaging

DeepMind: Google AI can predict the progression of sight-threatening eye conditions - i news

Further coverage or acupuncture and migraines

Dr Miriam Stoppard: Study proves acupuncture has an effect on migraine - Mirror

Further coverage for face masks
It’s time to start considering wearing face masks — even if you don’t like it  

ZME Science  
23/05/2020  

Also in: Euronews, express digest, Health Medicine Network, Medium

Other notable coverage

£84m of funding to accelerate UK vaccine trials revealed as Britain reports lowest daily deaths since March The Telegraph 18/05/2020

Mumbai: Residents near railway tracks, airports discover joys of silence Times of India 18/05/2020

Coronavirus: Can nicotine replacement products help combat Covid-19? BBC News 18/05/2020

Why are nations led by women doing better? (print) The International New York Times 19/05/2020

Slap on fat lotion to beat baldness, say scientists The Times 19/05/2020

Front-line staff and mental health: A crisis within a crisis New Statesman 20/05/2020

The people who can't shake off coronavirus: 'Week nine and I'm exhausted and back to being bed bound' inews 21/05/2020

Revealed: the long-term severe effects of Covid-19 that could go on for months The Telegraph 21/05/2020

Also in: BBC Radio Devon

Scientists warn 1 June is too early for schools to reopen in England The Guardian 22/05/2020 (The Independent Sage committee online discussion)

How the pandemic will change the NHS and what that means for us The Guardian 23/05/2020

Also in: The Daily Telegraph

Coronavirus Response: How International Medical School Graduates Can Help Fight COVID-19 International Business Times 24/05/2020

After embarrassment, UP tweaks order banning cell phones in Covid-19 hospitals Times of India 24/05/2020

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Research: Association of dairy consumption with metabolic syndrome, hypertension and diabetes in 147,812 individuals from 21 countries (PR)

EATING DAIRY EVERY DAY LINKED TO LOWER RISK OF DEVELOPING DIABETES AND HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE Newsweek 18/05/2020

Consuming This Amount Full Fat Dairy Lowers Risks Of Diabetes And Hypertension, Finds Study International Business Times 19/05/2020

Want to stay safe from diabetes and high blood pressure? Eat dairy products Times of India 21/05/2020


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Study Highlights Failures To Test Patients Prior To Macrolide Treatment Despite Lung Disease Risk  The Clinical Services Journal 19/05/2020

FDA OKs Abbott's FreeStyle Libre CGM Use in Hospitals  Medical Products Outsourcing  23/05/20

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Review: Effects of yoga on depressive symptoms in people with mental disorders: a systematic review and meta-analysis (PR)

Regular yoga can help reduce depression, study finds, as experts call for it to be prescribed on NHS  The Daily Telegraph  18/05/2020

New Study Reveals Yoga May Ease Symptoms Of Depression  International Business Times  19/05/2020

Yoga may ease symptoms of depression, study says  CNN  19/05/2020


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Best Running Shoes for Men  AskMen 18/05/2020

‘Tennis has been life-changing, I will be forever grateful to the sport’: Players hail the power of tennis as research shows its positive impact on mental health  Lawn Tennis Association 18/05/20

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The running mistakes you didn’t know you were making  The University Magazine (Canada) 18/05/20

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For knee injuries, surgery may not be the best option  Science in Public (Aus) 21/05/20

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New study finds this type of workout is best for fighting depression  Ladders 21/05/20

WADA study reveals no meaningful link between TUEs and the likelihood of winning an Olympic medal  Indian Sports News 22/05/20

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Neck Device Shows Promise in Protecting Female Soccer Players’ Brains from Head Impacts  Orthopaedic Design & Technology 23/05/20

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Editorial: Low-dose aspirin for prevention of pre-eclampsia: when over the counter just isn’t (PR)

DRUG ALERT Aspirin ‘can prevent leading cause of stillbirth – but half of at-risk mums are missing out’  The Sun + Scottish edition 22/05/20

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Healthcare professionals need adequate PPE to treat COVID-19 patients. Health Europa 24/05/20

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Healthcare rationing could see 'unlawful deaths' from COVID-19, researchers claim. Medical Xpress 21/05/20

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Clinical Pain Advisor 19/05/2020

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