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 (25-31 May) - our highlights include:

- Research published in *BMJ Global Health* suggesting that wearing face masks at home might help ward off COVID-19 spread among family members made global headlines, including the *Times of India*, *Forbes* and *CNN*.

- A *Thorax* study revealing that the prevalence of 'silent' symptomless COVID-19 infection may be much higher than thought, was picked up internationally, including *Forbes*, *The Independent*, *TIME*, and the *Times of India*.

- A study in *The BMJ* which sheds light on risks of breast cancer after being diagnosed with ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS) during breast screening was picked up by the *Daily Mail*, *ITV News* and *Nursing Times*.

PRESS RELEASES

The BMJ | BMJ Global Health
Thorax

EXTERNAL PRESS RELEASES

Journal of Medical Ethics | Journal of NeuroInterventional Surgery

OTHER COVERAGE

The BMJ | Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases
Archives of Disease in Childhood | BMJ Case Reports
BMJ Nutrition, Prevention & Health | BMJ Open
BMJ Open Diabetes Research & Care | BMJ Open Sport & Exercise Medicine
BMJ Paediatrics Open | British Journal of Ophthalmology
British Journal of Sports Medicine | Gut
Heart | Injury Prevention
Journal of Clinical Pathology | Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health
Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry
Occupational & Environmental Medicine | RMD Open
Vet Record

The BMJ press release coverage

**Non-invasive breast cancer risk revealed** ITV News 27/05/2020

**Deadly risk of early stage breast cancer** Daily Mail 28/05/2020

**Women at greater risk of breast cancer after pre-invasive disease decades earlier** Nursing Times 28/05/2020

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Research: **Financial ties between leaders of influential US professional medical associations and industry: cross sectional study**

**Editorial:** **Financial relations between leaders of US medical societies and industry**

**Medical societies have ‘extensive’ financial ties with drug and device makers** STAT 27/05/2020

**Also in:** Eurasia Review, Medical Xpress, Drugs.com, Physician’s Briefing, Mirage News Australia, Medscape, Doctors Lounge, Medscape, Healthcare Dive, AJMC, Becker’s Hospital Review

**Further coverage for safety and effectiveness of hydroxychloroquine for patients with COVID-19**

**AP FACT CHECK: Faulty Trump Claims on Virus Drug, Vote Fraud** The New York Times 25/05/2020

**France bans use of hydroxychloroquine to treat Covid-19** The Irish Times 27/05/2020

**Could taking hydroxychloroquine for coronavirus be more harmful than helpful?** The Conversation 29/05/2020


**Further coverage for risk factors for severe and fatal cases of COVID-19 in the UK**

**Risk factors for severe and fatal COVID-19 cases identified** Healthcare-in-Europe 25/05/2020

**‘Age, male sex, underlying illness validated as risk factors for death due to Covid-19’** The Week (IN) 25/05/2020

**Also in:** Before It’s News, Times Herald, NewsBlaze, One News Page, Nursing Times,

**Further coverage for small risk of muscle and bone malformations in newborns for mothers who have taken common thrush treatment**

**Oral Fluconazole Use in the First Trimester Linked to Musculoskeletal Malformations** rheumatologynetwork.com 27/05/2020

**Further coverage for tackling alcohol harms must be an integral part of the nation’s recovery from COVID-19**
Women, alcohol & lockdown: Jenny Colgan; Michele Roberts (skip to 7:30 mins) Woman’s Hour, BBC Radio 4 28/05/2020

Further coverage for face masks
Why 15 US states suddenly made masks mandatory Vox 29/05/2020
Also in: National Post,

Other notable coverage
Doctors condemn secrecy over false negative Covid-19 tests (print + online) The Guardian 25/05/2020
ICMR sits on proposal to try Rs 5 arthritis drug for Covid-19 Times of India 26/05/2020
Stars warned sleeping pill 'high' can be fatal The Daily Telegraph 25/05/2020
Times letters: Dominic Cummings's defence of his trip to Durham The Times 27/05/2020
'A rollercoaster of exhaustion': when Covid-19 lingers (print only) inews 27/05/2020
Leader: From tragedy to farce New Statesman 27/05/2020
Inequality heightens the risks of domestic violence – particularly in times of crisis The Daily Telegraph 28/05/2020
Peru Locked Down Hard and Early. Why Is Its Coronavirus Outbreak So Bad? TIME 28/05/2020
Experts warned Cameron’s government the Lansley reforms would hobble Britain’s epidemic response New Statesman 28/05/2020
Personal risk scores ‘could help majority get back to normal life’ Sunday Express 31/05/2020
As U.S. Pulls Out Of WHO, Universal Health Coverage Also Takes A Hit Forbes 31/05/2020

JOURNALS

BMJ Global Health

Research: Reduction of secondary transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in households by face mask use, disinfection and social distancing: a cohort study in Beijing, China (PR)

Masks can limit household spread before COVID-19 symptoms appear Times of India 29/05/2020
Wearing A Face Mask At Home Could Curb Covid-19 Transmission By 79% Forbes 28/05/2020
Wearing a mask at home could help stop coronavirus spread among family members, study says CNN 28/05/2020


International

Other

‘No-one should die alone - even during coronavirus pandemic’, says professor Scottish Daily Record 25/05/2020
Also in: The World News

Further coverage for misleading coronavirus YouTube videos (PR)
Popular COVID-19 videos on YouTube misinform the public Medical News Today 27/05/2020
1 In 4 YouTube Coronavirus Videos Had Bad Information—Long Before Plandemic Forbes 31/05/2020
Also in: MedicalBrief South Africa, Stuff.co.nz

Further coverage for modelling predictions in Africa (PR)
190 000 people could die of COVID-19 in Africa The Independent (Uganda) 27/05/2020

Africa’s young and rural population may limit spread and severity of coronavirus, study says South China Morning Post 28/05/2020
Covid-19 crisis greater in congested cities; Study Indian Express 28/05/20
‘Spread correlates to population density’ Times of India 31/05/2020
Also in: The Hindu, F3NWS, The World News, The Telegraph (IN), daily hunt

Thorax

Brief Communication: COVID-19: In the footsteps of Ernest Shackleton (PR)

Coronavirus: Cruise ship outbreak reveals scale of silent carriers of Covid-19 The Independent 27/08/2020
New Paper Finds Startling Number Of Asymptomatic Covid-19 Carriers Forbes 27/05/20
Symptomless Covid-19 infection may be more prevalent than thought: study Times of India 28/05/20

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Further coverage for social isolation and lung disease risks (PR)
Social isolation may increase heart attack and death risk Hindustan Times 30/05/20

Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases
The Myositis Association's (TMA) Research Funding Yields Novel Data for Potential COVID19 Vaccine Development MedIndia 26/05/2020

Further coverage for global toll of osteoarthritis (PR)
Global cases of hip, knee osteoarthritis exceed 300 million Healiio 26/05/2020

WHO curbs the fury of hydroxychloroquine, can it still be helpful in preventing COVID-19? Explica 26/05/2020

EULAR publishes updated recommendations for treating people with psoriatic arthritis
News-Medical.Net 27/05/2020

World Scleroderma Foundation Preliminary Recommendations for Systemic Sclerosis Management During the COVID-19 Pandemic Infectious Disease Advisor 27/05/2020
Pretreatment CRP levels could ‘inform clinical decision-making’ in RA Medicine Matters 26/05/2020

EULAR Recommendations for the Management of Rheumatic Immune-Related Adverse Events Due to Cancer Immunotherapy Rheumatology Advisor 26/05/2020

Potential targets for COVID-19 vaccine found Healthcanal.com 29/05/2020

Certolizumab pegol dose reduction feasible in axSpA remission medWire News 28/05/2020

Lupus therapies may not impact COVID-19 outcomes Medicine Matters 29/05/2020
Also in: MedWire News

Elevated rates of COVID-19 respiratory complications in people with rheumatic diseases Medicine Matters 29/05/2020
Also in: Medwire News

That humble glass of lemon juice can help you manage gout amidst lockdown TheHealthSite 29/05/2020

Coronavirus weaknesses identified The News Information Analytic Agency 29/05/20

Archives of Disease in Childhood
Children Bitten By Black Widow Spiders, Trying to Become Spider-Man Bleeding Cool News 26/05/20

BMJ Case Reports
Baby girl has SECOND mouth complete with lips, teeth and tongue removed after being diagnosed with a rare condition only seen in 35 humans since 1900 MailOnline 28/05/2020

Here are the places to go wild swimming in and around London this weekend (misattributed to The BMJ) Glamour 29/05/2020

BMJ Nutrition, Prevention & Health
Further coverage for plant extracts may relieve hangover symptoms (PR)
Drink plant extracts to relieve hangover symptoms Times of India 25/05/2020

New study says vitamin D can’t prevent or treat coronavirus New York Post 26/05/2020
Also in: Babygaga, BGR, MinnPost, Drugs Topics, Free Press Journal, India Blooms, Cooking with Kathy, Ladders, INSIDER, MSN Health & Fitness, MSN Philippines, Just Earth News, Business Insider India

Tricare Ends Coverage of Routine Vitamin D Screenings Military.com 27/05/2020

Listerine continues to ease shingles pain The Seattle Times 27/05/2020

BMJ Open
Non-medical cloth masks can limit virus transmission The World News 26/05/2020
Most young people with increased suicide risk only display 'mild to moderate' mental distress: Study  JustEarth News 26/05/2020

10 Comforting Pasta Recipes That Are Actually Good for You  Everyday Health 26/05/2020

Do antidepressants really work? Danish study says otherwise  Natural News Online 29/05/2020

People who drink gin are sexier  Her.ie 30/05/20

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Further coverage for dairy-rich diet linked to lower risks of diabetes and high blood pressure (PR) ‘Dairy products may lower risk of diabetes, hypertension & & obesity’  Times of India 26/05/2020
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'I Got Rhabodomyolysis From A Kettlebell Workout Even Though I'm An Experienced Exerciser'. Women's Health 29/05/2020
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BMJ Paediatrics Open
Newborns are at low risk from Covid-19  Lancaster Guardian 27/05/2020
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British Journal of Ophthalmology
Roche’s Port Delivery System with ranibizumab shows positive phase III results in neovascular age-related macular degeneration  Yahoo Finance 28/05/2020

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Further coverage for yoga seems to ease depressive symptoms (PR) Movement-based yoga can significantly improve mental health: Aus researchers  Outlook India 25/05/2020

Depression to schizophrenia: Movement-based yoga can significantly improve mental health amid pandemic – more lifestyle  theentrepreneurfund.com 26/05/2020

Trying to Lose Belly Fat? This Is the Workout You Should Be Doing, According to a Trainer  MSN Lifestyle + MSN IE 26/05/2020
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Positive coronavirus test fear stalls rugby’s return (print + online) The Times 27/05/2020

Drug & Therapeutics Bulletin
Further coverage for half of mums-to-be at risk of pre-eclampsia are missing out on
preventive aspirin (PR)

**Why pregnant women with high BP miss out on preventive aspirin**

International Business Times 26/05/2020

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**Gut**

Further coverage for Mediterranean diet and frailty (PR)

**The Mediterranean Diet, Including Wine, May Decrease Frailty Among Elderly and Improve Gut Health**

Wine Spectator 26/05/20

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**Heart**

This Pandemic pay attention to Mental Health

Faces 26/05/2020

**Daily hot bath can give you a stronger heart, finds research**

The Health Site 26/05/2020

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**Injury Prevention**

Heat will kill more people than Covid-19

The Hindu Business Line 28/05/20

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**Journal of Clinical Pathology**

As states reopen, medical experts recommend pregnant women stay vigilant against COVID-19

USA Today  30/05/20

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SouthernMinn 28/05/20

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Response to commentaries on ‘Should free-text data in electronic medical records be shared for research? A citizens’ jury study in the UK’

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ScienceDaily 26/05/2020

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Potential guidelines for ethically infecting vaccine volunteers with coronavirus Guernsey Press 27/05/2020

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Anti-inflammatory drugs may help keep novel coronavirus in check; mornings not ideal for fever screening Deccan Herald 28/05/2020

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Anti-Inflammatory Drugs May Help Keep Virus in Check; Mornings Not Ideal for Fever Screening The New York Times 27/05/2020

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Stroke patients significantly delay treatment amid coronavirus with 'severe consequences,' new study reveals Fox News 28/05/2020


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Five ways being in nature changes your brain, according to science Bustle 29/05/20

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Postpartum Depression Rates; Police Officer Hazards MedPage Today 27/05/2020

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Clinical Criteria for RA & Early Non-Response to Certolizumab as Predictors of Patient Outcomes the-rheumatologist.org 25/05/2020

Early, Aggressive Treatment for Polyarticular JIA Physician’s Weekly 25/05/2020

Support for TNF inhibitor–csDMARD combination therapy in RA patients MedWire News
27/05/2020

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