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 27 journals were picked up in the media last week (29 June - 5 July) - our highlights include:

- A letter in the *Archives of Disease in Childhood* reporting that there has been a surge in domestic child abuse during the pandemic made headlines in *The Irish Times*, *The Punch Nigeria* and the *Times of India*.

- A review in *The BMJ* finding major weaknesses in the evidence base for covid-19 antibody tests was picked up by *The Daily Telegraph*, *MailOnline* and the *New York Post*.

- Leading academics calling for a statutory levy on gambling firms in *The BMJ* made headlines in *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Independent* and the *Daily Mail*.

**PRESS RELEASES**

[The BMJ](https://www.bmj.com) | [Archives of Disease in Childhood](https://www.archdischild.com)

**EXTERNAL PRESS RELEASES**

[BMJ Open](https://www.bmj.com) | [Journal of NeuroInterventional Surgery](https://www.jnisp.com)

**OTHER COVERAGE**

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[BMJ Nutrition, Prevention & Health](https://www.bmj.com) | [BMJ Open Diabetes Research & Care](https://www.bmj.com)
[BMJ Open Respiratory Research](https://www.bmj.com) | [BMJ Paediatrics Open](https://www.bmjpaediatricsopen.com)
[BMJ Quality & Safety](https://www.bmjqualityandsafety.com) | [British Journal of Sports Medicine](https://www.bmj.com)
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ONLINE GAMES ARE HARMING CHILDREN THROUGH GAMBLING AND OTHER FEATURES, SAY LORDS The Independent 03/07/2020

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Why are patient and public voices absent in COVID-19 policy-making? Medical Xpress 01/07/2020

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