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 31 journals were picked up in the media last week (19-25 October) - our highlights include:

- A clinical trial published in *The BMJ* finding that convalescent plasma shows limited effectiveness as a potential treatment for covid-19 patients was covered internationally, including Sky News, the *Times of India*, CNN and the *South China Morning Post*.

- A feature in *The BMJ* reporting that covid-19 vaccine trials cannot tell us if they will save lives made global headlines, including CNN, the *Times of India* and the *International Business Times*.

- A *BMJ Open Diabetes Research & Care* study suggesting that drinking green tea and coffee daily is linked to a lower death risk in people with type 2 diabetes was picked up by iNews, Fox News and the *International Business Times UK*.

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**PRESS RELEASES**

*The BMJ* | *BMJ Global Health*  
*BMJ Open Diabetes Research & Care* | *Thorax*

**EXTERNAL PRESS RELEASES**

*Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases* | *British Journal of Sports Medicine*  
*Gut* | *Thorax*

**OTHER COVERAGE**

*The BMJ* | *Archives of Disease in Childhood*  
*BMJ Case Reports* | *BMJ Nutrition, Prevention & Health*  
*BMJ Open* | *BMJ Open Respiratory Research*  
*BMJ Open Sport & Exercise Medicine* | *BMJ Paediatrics Open*  
*BMJ Quality & Safety* | *British Journal of Ophthalmology*  
*Emergency Medicine Journal* | *Frontline Gastroenterology*  
*Heart* | *Injury Prevention*  
*Journal of Clinical Pathology* | *Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health*  
*Journal of Investigative Medicine* | *Journal of Medical Ethics*  
*Journal of Medical Genetic* | *Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry*
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BMJ journal retracts, replaces study on chronic fatigue in children RetractionWatch 21/10/20

The BMJ press release coverage

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Editorial: Prediction models for coronavirus 2019 outcomes

Coronavirus: New tool predicts person's risk of hospitalisation and death from Covid-19 The Independent 21/10/2020
Doctors have new tool to predict people at highest Covid-19 risk – allowing them to better target protective measures South China Morning Post 22/10/2020


Feature: Will covid-19 vaccines save lives? Current trials are not designed to tell us

Vaccine trials 'can't detect' virus risk reduction: expert Times of India 22/10/2020
Covid-19 vaccine trials won't tell us if the shots save lives, expert notes CNN 22/10/2020
Vaccine Trials 'Can't Detect' Virus Risk Reduction: Expert International Business Times 21/10/2020
'Effective' Coronavirus Vaccine Will Not Prevent People From Falling Sick and Dying, Warn Scientists International Business Times 22/10/2020

Also in: RTE, The Conversation UK, Yahoo UK, Daily Mirror, Daily Mail, MSN IE, Irish Independent

International


Other

Research: Convalescent plasma in the management of moderate covid-19 in adults in India: open label phase II multicentre randomised controlled trial (PLACID Trial)

Editorial: Convalescent plasma is ineffective for covid-19

Plasma from recovered COVID cases has 'no clinical benefit' for patients Sky News 23/10/2020
Convalescent plasma did not reduce COVID-19 deaths or keep patients from severe illness in new study CNN 23/10/2020
Blood plasma of recovered coronavirus patients fails to reduce deaths, study finds South China Morning Post 23/10/2020


International

Other

Further coverage for The BMJ Awards
Carlisle GP teams nationally acknowledged for their vital care News & Star 20/10/2020

Other notable coverage
Kids and Covid-19: Should I send my child to school with a cold? The Telegraph 19/10/2020
ICMR mulling to remove plasma therapy from Covid treatment protocol Times of India 21/10/2020
Plasma therapy is likely to be off Covid treatment protocol: ICMR (print) Times of India 21/10/2020
Steering clear of the gym? Here's how to exercise outdoors and stay fit this winter Telegraph 21/10/2020
Britain's most unexpected spending splurge The Times 23/10/2020
Focus on non-medical strategies in the second wave The Financial Times 24/10/2020
JOURNALS

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Research: [Social media and vaccine hesitancy](PR)

*Foreign Disinformation' Social Media Campaigns Linked To Falling Vaccination Rates*
Eurasia Review 23/10/20

*Foreign disinformation social media campaigns linked to falling vaccination rates* OnMedica 23/10/20

**Also in:** A Closer Look, BrightSurf, Medical Xpress, MDLinx, Sciencecodex, Mirage News

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*Coronavirus: Politicians 'unlikely to be punished' over poor COVID-19 responses- study*
Newshub NZ 23/10/20

*Voters unlikely to reward or punish politicians for their handling the pandemic: Survey* Hindu Businessline 23/10/20

**Also in:** Eurasia Review, Mirage News, Medscape, The World News Monitor

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*People who trust Fox News more than CNN engage in fewer preventive and more risky COVID-19 behaviors* Psypost.org 19/10/2020

**BMJ Open Diabetes Research & Care**

Research: [Additive effects of green tea and coffee on all-cause mortality in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus: the Fukuoka Diabetes Registry](PR)

*Drinking green tea and coffee linked to lower risk of death among diabetics, study finds*
iNews 20/10/2020

*Diabetics see lower death risk if they drink these beverages daily, study suggests* Fox News 22/10/20

*Coffee and green tea may help lower death risk in type 2 diabetes patients* International Business Times UK 23/10/2020

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Ex Bulletin, Voice of the HWY, Newslanes, Business Fast, WSTale, Timworld, NDTV Food,
Study Gives High Marks to Telehealth in Managing Diabetic Foot Ulcers  
MHealthIntelligence 19/10/2020

Children Born to Mothers with Diabetes Could Be at Increased Risk for Eating Disorders  
Endocrinology Advisor 21/10/2020

Thorax

Research: Risk of osteoporosis and fragility fractures in asthma due to oral and inhaled corticosteroids: two population-based nested case-control studies (PR)

Could Common Asthma Meds Weaken Bones?  
US News 22/10/2020


Respiratory Monitoring Devices Market Examined in New Research Report  
The Think Curiouser 19/10/2020

COVID-19: Fact or fiction?  
Dixie Sun News 19/10/20

Further coverage for depression in mums-to-be and asthma risk in their kids (PR)  
Depression in Pregnancy May Raise Risk of Childhood Asthma  
New York Times 21/10/2020

Further coverage for multiple layers in cloth masks to curb spread of infection (PR)  
Slow-motion video of a sneeze shows the importance of wearing a face mask  
Mashable 23/10/2020

Breath samples better than nasal swabs to detect Covid-19, Irish research shows  
Irish Examiner 25/10/20

Brief communication: The introduction of standardised packaging and availability of illicit cigarettes: a difference-indifference analysis of European Union survey data 2015-2018 (External PR)

Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases

Research: Preliminary predictive criteria for COVID-19 cytokine storm (External PR)

Criteria to predict cytokine storm in COVID-19 patients identified  
ScienceDaily 19/10/2020
COVID-19 Lockdown Led to Fewer Swiss Patients Adhering to Treatment With Little Impact on Disease Activity  Ankylosing Spondylitis News 19/10/2020

No Pain Relief With IL-6 Blockade in Hand OA  Medpage Today 20/10/2020

Temple research helping to identify cytokine storm in COVID-19 patients  6abc 22/10/2020

Brief halt on in-person visits did not adversely impact inflammatory arthritis  Healio 22/10/2020

Novel study explores link between primary immunodeficiencies, rheumatic diseases  MDEdge 21/10/2020

Machine Learning Helps Predict Stem Cell Transplant Outcomes, Study Suggests  Scleroderma 22/10/2020

Research Roundup: Predicting COVID-19 Cytokine Storm and More  Biospace 23/10/20

Interruptions to In-Person Visits During Pandemic Did Not Negatively Impact Patients With Inflammatory Arthritis  AJMC Networks 24/10/20

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Expert Q&A: Reassessing Risk-Based LDL-C Targets  The Cardiology Advisor 22/10/2020

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UK researchers call for nutritional guidelines on Vitamin D  wn.com 19/10/2020
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Article Touts Sansum Diabetes Research Institute’s Food as Medicine Study  Noozhawk 20/10/2020

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Severe Morning Sickness May Indicate Higher Depression Risk Newsmax 19/10/2020
Also in: Physician’s Briefing, Physician’s Weekly, Doctors Lounge, Drew Reports News, Medscape, Medical Daily, Drugs.com

‘It Seems Systematic’: Doctors Cite 115 Cases of Head Injuries From Crowd Control Devices The Good Men Project 19/10/2020

The One Healthy Apple Recipe You Need to Use Up Leftover Apples The Healthy 19/10/2020

Eat less sugar: sneaky ways labels hide added sugar in your food and how to eliminate it from your diet Business Insider India 24/10/20
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How the interval between dinner time and bed time affects your health The Standard (Kenya) 25/10/20

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14 Medical Procedures That Pose a High Covid-19 Risk to You Florence Health 19/10/2020

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Study: Even Minimal Exercise Boosts Overall Health Day Spa Magazine 19/10/2020

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Young people seriously injure themselves while vaping, study reveals The Canadian 22/10/2020

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Society to Improve Diagnosis in Medicine Presents Mark L. Graber Diagnostic Quality Award to Carmel Crock, MD Yahoo Finance 21/10/2020

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Permanent freedom from glasses with implanted lenses The Washington Newsday 25/10/2020

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Jogging less than once a week cuts the risk of early death, says study Financial Gazette 22/10/2020

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Podcast Review: The Naked Scientists – Deafness gene identified BioNews 19/10/2020

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