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 29 journals were picked up in the media last week (8-14 Feb) - our highlights include:

- A study in *The BMJ* suggesting that preventive blood thinning drugs are linked to a reduced risk of death in covid-19 patients made global headlines, including *Forbes*, *Times of India*, and *Hindustan Times*.

- Research published in the *Archives of Disease in Childhood* finding that fetal exposure to antibiotics in mid to late pregnancy is linked to a heightened risk of childhood asthma was picked up by UPI, *Medical Dialogues India*, and *US News.com*.

- An interview in *The BMJ* with Jeremy Hunt made national headlines, including *The Times*, *Evening Standard*, and *The Sun*.

**PRESS RELEASES**

*The BMJ* | *Archives of Disease in Childhood*
*Tobacco Control*

**EXTERNAL PRESS RELEASES**

*BMJ Open* | *BMJ Open Ophthalmology*
*Gut* | *Journal of Medical Genetics*
*Thorax*

**OTHER COVERAGE**

*The BMJ* | *Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases*
*BMJ Case Reports* | *BMJ Global Health*
*BMJ Leader* | *BMJ Open Diabetes Research & Care*
*BMJ Open Gastroenterology* | *BMJ Sexual & Reproductive Health*
*British Journal of Ophthalmology* | *British Journal of Sports Medicine*
*General Psychiatry* | *Family Medicine & Community Health*
*Heart* | *Journal for Immunotherapy of Cancer*
*Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health* | *Journal of Investigative Medicine*
*Journal of Medical Ethics* | *Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry*
*Occupational & Environmental Medicine* | *Open Heart*
**Regional Anesthesia & Pain Medicine | RMD Open**

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**BMJ signals its commitment to an open access future** InPublishing 08/02/21  
**BMJ and Jisc collaborate to support open access publishing** Research Information 09/02/21  
**Also in:** KnowledgeSpeak, STM Publishing News, Open Pharma, ALPSP

**The BMJ press release coverage**

**Research:** *Early initiation of prophylactic anticoagulation for prevention of coronavirus disease 2019 mortality in patients admitted to hospital in the United States: cohort study* (PR)

Blood thinners might be able to decrease risk of coronavirus hospital deaths  
Hindustan Times 12/02/21  
Blood Thinners Could Cut Risk Of Covid-19 Death In Hospital, Study Finds  
Forbes 12/02/21  
Anti-clotting therapy may prevent death in COVID19 patients, says study  
Times of India 14/02/21


**Research:** *Association of first trimester prescription opioid use with congenital malformations in the offspring: population based cohort study*

Prescription opioids, antibiotics won't raise birth defect risk, studies show  
UPI 11/02/21


**The BMJ Interview:** *Jeremy Hunt: I was too slow to boost the NHS workforce—the government must, and can, act now* (PR)

UK prepared for the wrong pandemic, Jeremy Hunt admits  
The Times 11/02/21

**Also in:** The Sun + Scottish Sun, MSN UK, Yahoo UK, UK local news outlets, Daily Mirror, Good Morning Britain, Mirage News, Medical Xpress, Medscape, TalkTalk, The World News, News One Place, Business Fast, Nursing Standard

Further coverage for ‘social murder’ editorial (PR)
Kamran Abbasi interview on BBC World Service (44:15 mins in) 08/02/21

Other notable coverage
Air pollution is a growing problem around the world. Is it linked to Lung Cancer? Times of India 08/02/21
Navjoyt Ladher discussing treatments for COVID on BBC News Channel and BBC World Service 11/02/21
After battling Covid we need to fight the flab The Times 20/02/21
Newsnight BBC Two (skip to 23:03) 10/02/21
Covid's impact on cancer care is turning oncologists' worst fears into reality NBC News 12/02/21

JOURNALS

Archives of Disease in Childhood

Research: Antibiotic exposure during pregnancy and childhood asthma: a national birth cohort study investigating timing of exposure and mode of delivery (PR)

Antibiotics in pregnancy linked to higher asthma risk in kids UPI 11/02/21


In new Covid-19 guidance, CDC recommends 5 key strategies to reopen schools CNN 12/02/21
Also in: The World News, widely covered by local US print and TV outlets

Tobacco Control

Brief report: Herbal smoking products: a systematic content analysis and mapping of the e-retail market (PR)

Study warns against misleading claims on herbal smoking Times of India 11/02/21

Also in: KentuckyIndian, AustinIndian, WebIndia123, NetIndia123, India4u, Punjab News Express, Prokerala, MENA FN, Roosters, Expressindia, Indian Express, Daji World, Newkerala, Medical Xpress, Social News XYZ, Clinical Connection, Jioforme, Newsgram, Sify, NewsGram, EIN News

Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases
Rheumatologic Disease Activity an Important Influencer of COVID-19 Death Risk Medscape 08/02/21

8 Things People With Rheumatoid Arthritis Must Know About the COVID-19 Vaccines Everyday health 08/02/21
EULAR issues ‘points to consider’ on immunomodulatory treatment for COVID-19 MedWire News 10/02/21

More RA Disease Activity Linked to Higher Diabetes Risk U.S. Medicine 10/02/21

Autoantibodies Against Telomeres May Help Identify SSc With Lung Disease Scleroderma News 09/02/21

Filgotinib, methotrexate combo effective for treating rheumatoid arthritis patients Medical Dialogues India 11/02/21

Orthopedic Solutions from Man’s Best Friend ODT Mag 11/02/21

Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine with Autoimmune or Inflammatory Rheumatic Disease: New Guidance from the American College of Rheumatology Creaky Joints 11/02/21

BMJ Case Reports
Viral encephalitis lurking behind the veils of schizophrenia, a BMJ case report Medical Dialogues 10/02/21

BMJ Global Health

Further coverage for gender imbalance in COVID-19 research (PR)
It’s time to change the narrative: Women in COVID-19, science, and academia Medical News Today 11/02/21

BMJ Leader
Coronavirus: Dr Nikki Kanani, England’s top GP, appears at Downing Street press briefing iNews 08/02/21
Also in: MSN UK

BMJ Open
Covid-19 news: Race is on to tweak vaccine due to South Africa variant New Scientist 08/02/21

Ouch—It’s a Cold Sore! Here Are 10 Ways to Get Rid of Those Painful Little Bumps Around Your Mouth Parade 08/02/21

Further coverage for coffee intake and prostate cancer risk (PR)
Another Reason to Keep Sipping Coffee: It Can Lower Your Risk of Prostate Cancer MSN Lifestyle 08/02/21
Also in: Runner’s World

The Trailbreaker with Loren McGinnis - Wildfires, smoke, and health. Dr. Courtney Howard on a new quantitative study about all this CBC Listen 08/02/21

Predicting Hospitalization for Cardiovascular Disease in Patients With COPD Pulmonology Advisor 09/02/21

Covid-19 news: Four new covid-19 symptoms identified in study New Scientist 10/02/212
Research: Can routine blood tests be modelled to detect advanced liver disease in the community: model derivation and validation using UK primary and secondary care data (External PR)

Routine blood tests could be key to stopping the silent killer of liver disease Medical Xpress 11/02/21
Also in: Mirage News Australia, Healio, TalkTalk, Express & Star + UK local news outlets, Yahoo UK, Belfast Telegraph, Yahoo! Canada News, MSN UK, Irish News, Evening Express,

Dangers of Not Going for a Walk Every Day, Says Science Eat This, Not That! 11/02/21

The mental health toll of unpaid care Your Life Choices 11/02/21

WOMEN NEED MORE SUPPORT TO BREASTFEED Agenparl 11/02/21
Also in: Mirage News Australia

Higher Rates of Medication Adherence Seen in MS Compared With Other Chronic Diseases AJMC Managed Care Networks 11/02/21

Florida official apologizes to woman months after police shot her with rubber bullet at Black Lives Matter protest ABC News 12/02/21

Taking a Multivitamin? Here’s Why You Should Reconsider MSN Money 13/02/21

BMJ Open Diabetes Research & Care
Further coverage for health benefits of green tea and coffee (PR)
Drinking Green Tea and Coffee Everyday Reduces Risks of Early Death The Science Times 08/02/21

Are your patients adhering to diabetes self-care standards? Here’s how you can help American Optometric Association 11/02/21

BMJ Open Gastroenterology
Are Gastroenterologists too Slow to Spot Celiac Disease? Celiac 11/02/21

BMJ Open Ophthalmology
5 COVID Symptoms You Should Know That Are Not On CDC's List MSN Lifestyle 10/01/21
Also in: MSN Health & Fitness, Eat This, Not That!

Research: Exacerbation of visual hallucinations in Charles Bonnet syndrome due to the social implications of COVID-19 (External PR)

Visual hallucinations among blind people increase during pandemic Medical Xpress 15/02/21
Also in: Eye News, InfoSurhoy

BMJ Sexual & Reproductive Health
UK COVID-19 Update: Oxford Jab 'Limited Protection' vs South African Variant, Google 'Predicts Peaks' Medscape 08/01/21
British Journal of Ophthalmology
Anti-VEGF Injections May Reduce Glaucoma Burden for Some MPR 08/02/21

Further coverage for air pollution and AMD risk (PR)
Air pollution linked to increased risk of AMD Optometry 09/02/21
Also in: INVISION, Intelligent Living,

Air pollution is a growing problem around the world. Is it linked to Lung Cancer? Times of India 08/02/21

British Journal of Sports Medicine
Teaching children about health through football Malaysia Star 09/02/21
Also in: NewsDay24

Walk This Much Every Day to Burn More Fat, Says Top Doctor Eat This, Not That! 08/02/21

Smile saboteurs Daily Mirror 09/02/21
Also in: Daily Express

Over 32,000 Sign ACLU Petition in Support of Trans Student Athletes Christian Headlines 08/02/21

My Doctor Told Me My Pain Was All in My Head, It Ended Up Saving Me. MSN Lifestyle 10/02/21
Also in: Slate Magazine

Surprising Side Effects of Running Every Day, According to Science Eat This, Not That! 10/02/21
Also in: MSN Health & Fitness, MSN IN

Kamala Harris jogging up the stairs of Lincoln Memorial is the perfect mid-week motivation Indian Express 10/02/21

Further coverage for transgender athletes’ advantage after hormone treatment (PR)
Biden's Suppression of Women's Rights Patriot Post 09/02/21
The War On Women’s Sports: Wisconsin Man Wins Women’s Cycling Race The Federalist 11/02/21
Also in: Denison Forum

Weight Loss Plateau: How to Break Through U.S. News & World Report 11/02/21

‘Very low’ risk while playing gives boost to grassroots The Times 13/02/21

Why We Must Never Concede the High Ground of Truth Christian Headlines 12/02/21

‘Very low’ risk of Covid-19 in games is boost to grass roots The Times 13/02/21

Fitness expert on how fasting and HIIT can improve fitness in seven days New Zealand Herald 14/02/21
Trainer’s trick to losing weight in 7 days Central & North Burnett Times 14/02/21
Also covered by numerous Australian local news outlets

Flexitarian diet key to quick weight loss, HIIT and intermittent fasting Blograma 14/02/21

Family Medicine & Community Health
Further coverage for misuse of prescription meds (PR US Focus)
Psychiatric Drugs Misused By A Third of Youths Prescribed Medications: Study AboutLawsuits 09/02/21
Also in: Tu salud mag

General Psychiatry
Further coverage for napping and mental agility (PR)
Why nap is good for health? World Today News 08/02/21
Also in: Medical Dialogues, Diabetes.co.uk

Gut
Study on inflammatory bowel disease North Korea Times 09/02/21

Research: Prostaglandin E2 receptor PTGER4-expressing macrophages promote intestinal epithelial barrier regeneration upon inflammation (External PR)

Scientists switch on tissue repair in inflammatory bowel disease: Study New Kerala 08/02/21
Scientists switch on tissue repair in inflammatory bowel disease Medical Xpress 08/02/21

Tissue Repair May Play Role in Inflammatory Bowel Disease MedIndia 08/02/21

Eating a Mediterranean diet rich in leafy vegetables will help you stay mentally sharp later in life Times of News 11/02/21
Also in: Big World Tale, MSN AU, NewsColony, Daily Mail, Diabetes Self-Management, HealthDay, Vaaju, The Garden City Telegram

Further coverage for gut microbiome makeup and COVID-19 (PR)
Gut microbiome makeup could impact severity of COVID-19 McDonough County Voice 10/02/21
Also in: The Times-Tribune

Anti-cancer benefits of aspirin also come with risks Houston Chronicle 10/02/21

Gluten and Leaky Gut Syndrome Medium 11/02/21

Heart
Further coverage for fried food and heart disease risk (PR)
Fried Foods Linked to Heart Disease Risk Diabetes Self-Management 08/02/21
Fermented, not fried The Edge 10/02/21
Also in: News-Daily + US local print,

How not to burst your social bubble: Pandemic pods offer relief, but there are risks Cheboyan Daily News 10/02/21
Watch Your Heart Rate, But Don't Obsess About It Clinical Connection 10/02/21
Also in: U.S. News & World Report, Medical Xpress, Drugs.com,

Dual Antiplatelet therapy may be rather harmful to MINOCA Patients: Study Medical Dialogues 10/02/21

THE STRANGEST APHRODISIACS THROUGHOUT HISTORY Grunge 11/02/21

Keeping you Healthy - Heart Health Nebraska TV 12/02/21

Journal for Immunotherapy of Cancer
Artificial Intelligence Identifies Lung Cancer Patients at Risk of Harm Caused by Immunotherapy Genetic Engineering & Biotechnology News 09/02/21
Also in: Medindia.com

Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health
Raising the minimum wage is long overdue The Commonwealth Times 10/02/21 (previous PR)

Journal of Investigative Medicine
The long haul: After COVID-19 infections, some struggle with prolonged recoveries Vail Daily 12/02/21

Journal of Medical Ethics
New Video Proves Unborn Babies Feel Pain, Baby Winces During Anesthesia Injection LifeNews.com 08/02/21
Give pain relief to babies before aborting them, says MP The Christian Institute 13/02/21
Also in: Conservative Angle, USSA News, Metro Voice

Heartbreak, hope and Herpes: What it's actually like to have an STI Stuff.co.nz 10/02/21

Biden spox dismisses concerns over erasing girls' sports: ‘trans rights are human rights’ LifeSite News 13/02/21

Further coverage for human embryo research limit (PR)
Another call to abolish the 14-day rule for human embryo research BioEdge 14/02/21

Journal of Medical Genetics

Research: Surgical decision making in premenopausal BRCA carriers considering risk-reducing early salpingectomy or salpingo-oophorectomy: a qualitative study (External PR)

Choice of Ovarian Cancer Surgery Influenced by Risk Perception AJMC 11/02/21

Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry
Blood Biomarker Predicts Dementia in Cerebral Small Vessel Disease Medically Prime 12/02/21
Also in: MedPage Today
Less than five hours of sleep a night ‘can double dementia risk’ MSN 13/02/21
Also in: Daily Mail, Unfold Times

**Occupational & Environmental Medicine**
*Further coverage for working outdoors and breast cancer risk (PR)*
Working Outdoors Linked to Lower Risk of Breast Cancer Among Older Women Natural Practitioner Mag 08/02/21

*Further coverage for grocery store workers’ risk of COVID-19 (PR)*
COVID: San Jose Council Approves $3/Hour Hazard Pay For Workers At Large Grocery Stores CBS San Francisco 10/02/21
Also in: SFGate, Health Medici Net, The Amed Post, Sound Health and Lasting Wealth, NewsColony, NewsFeeds, Daily Mail, MSN UK + AU, Nation LK

Temp workers in construction: Researchers explore barriers to injury reporting Safety+Health Magazine 10/02/21

**Open Heart**
Heart Patients’ Serious Complications Increase amid Epidemic Nippon.com 10/02/21

**Regional Anesthesia & Pain Medicine**
*New device decreases accidental cerebrospinal fluid leaks during epidural anaesthesia*
Medical Xpress 08/02/21
Also in: Englemed Health News

Tryp Therapeutics Appoints Dr. Joel Castellanos as Clinical Advisor TDR 11/02/21
Also in: Yahoo Finance

**RMD Open**
*Further coverage for gout drug for COVID-19 (PR)*
Colchicine, a drug used for gout, may reduce hospitalization time in COVID-19 patients Business Insider 08/02/21
Also in: ScienceDaily, MedicalBrief South Africa

Swollen Or Discolored Tongue Might Be Another Symptom Of Covid KHN 08/02/21

**Thorax**

Research: [Current smoking and COVID-19 risk: results from a population symptom app in over 2.4 million people](https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-021-01186-w) (External PR)

Vapers up to 17% more likely to spread coronavirus, study says Health Medici Net 09/02/21
Vapers up to 17% more likely to spread coronavirus because it gets blown around when they breathe out, study says Daily Mail 08/02/21
Also in: MSN UK, Unfold Times, STV

Lockdown Linked To Drop In Asthma Attacks, GP Data Suggests Scienmag 09/02/21
Also in: 7th Space, Medical Xpress

Smoking causes increased Covid-19 symptoms Nation Africa 10/02/21