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 (8-14 March) - our highlights include:

- Research published in The BMJ finding that the Kent covid variant is associated with a higher death rate than previous variants was covered internationally, including the Times of India, CNN, The Financial Times, and Forbes.

- A special report in The BMJ revealing that the EMA was concerned about the integrity of mRNA molecules in some covid-19 vaccines was picked up by the South China Morning Post, The Independent, and BBC World Service - Science in Action.

- A BMJ Health & Care Informatics study suggesting that digital covid-19 ‘symptom checkers’ may delay treatment for serious illness was covered widely, including BBC News, The Times, and the Metro.

PRESS RELEASES

The BMJ | BMJ Health & Care Informatics
Heart | Open Heart
Thorax

EXTERNAL PRESS RELEASES

The BMJ | BMJ Quality & Safety
Journal for ImmunoTherapy for Cancer
Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health

OTHER COVERAGE

The BMJ | Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases
Archives of Disease in Childhood | BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine
BMJ Nutrition, Prevention & Health | BMJ Open
BMJ Open Diabetes Research & Care | BMJ Open Sport & Exercise Medicine
BMJ Sexual & Reproductive Health | BMJ Supportive & Palliative Care
British Journal of Ophthalmology | British Journal of Sports Medicine
Emergency Medicine Journal | Gut
Journal of Investigative Medicine | Journal of Medical Ethics
Medical Humanities | Occupational & Environmental Medicine
Postgraduate Medical Journal | RMD Open
The BMJ press release coverage

Research: Changes in soft drinks purchased by British households associated with the UK soft drinks industry levy: controlled interrupted time series analysis
Editorial: UK’s sugar tax hits the sweet spot (PR)

Sugar tax cuts Britain's intake by 10% The Times 11/03/21


Editorial: Mental health of children and young people during pandemic
Opinion: What has been the effect of covid-19 on suicide rates? (PR)

Cambridge University experts warn some young people are suffering ‘vicious cycles of increasing distress’ in lockdown as eating disorders and depression rise during pandemic Daily Mail 10/03/21
Bishop Richard Harris on Thought for the Day (1hr 48m in) BBC Radio 4 Today 12/03/21

Also in: LBC, Yahoo UK, Express & Star, The Sunday Post + widely covered by UK local news outlets, Evening Express, Wales 247, Asian Image, Morning Star, NewsColony

Investigation: The European Medicines Agency covid-19 vaccine leak: what does it tell us about mRNA instability? (PR)

Coronavirus: Europe raised issues about efficacy and safety of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine in November South China Morning Post 11/03/21
European regulator raised concern over quality of early Pfizer vaccine batches, leaked emails show The Independent 11/03/21
Author interview (19:50 mins in) BBC World Service - Science in Action 11/03/21


Research: Risk of mortality in patients infected with SARS-CoV-2 variant of concern 202012/1: matched cohort study (External PR)

Study: UK Covid variant has higher death rate Times of India 11/03/21
Coronavirus variant first identified in UK appears to be more deadly, study suggests CNN 10/03/21
Covid variant up to twice as lethal as previous strains, UK study shows FT 10/03/21


International

Other

Other notable coverage
- Spinal muscular atrophy: Gene therapy approved by NHS BBC News 08/03/21
- Rich lives worth recording The Times 08/03/21
- ‘Covid-19 less harsh on pregnant women’ Times of India 10/03/21
- Can paying people to work out really cure obesity? The Telegraph 10/03/21
- NHS survey reveals rising toll of work-related stress on staff health The Guardian 12/03/21
- Dr Quin, Medicine Man by John Quin review — a gruff dose of compassion The Times 13/03/21
- Opinion: Abandoning masks now is a terrible idea. The 1918 pandemic shows why Washington Post 12/03/21
- Parents celebrate new spinal muscular atrophy therapy BBC News 14/03/21
- Booster shot could protect the elderly if cases creep up again The Times 14/03/21
- Pensioners to get third ‘booster’ jab in August, JCVI chief suggests The Telegraph 13/03/21
- Also in: Daily Express, The Sunday Telegraph, The Independent, The Scottish Sun, Why pregnant women should not fear the vaccine The Sunday Telegraph 14/03/21

JOURNALS

BMJ Health & Care Informatics

Research: Performance of national COVID-19 ‘symptom checkers’: a comparative case simulation study (PR)

Covid online symptom checker 'may delay treatment' BBC News 09/03/21
NHS symptom checker 'missed the seriously ill' The Times (+ Irish and Scottish editions) 09/03/21

Heart

Research: Racial differences in management and outcomes of acute myocardial infarction during COVID-19 pandemic
Editorial: To be, or not to be BAME, in the time of COVID-19: does it matter? (PR)

Racial disparity in heart attack patient care rising (print) i newspaper 09/03/21


Further coverage for fried food (PR)
Eating more fried foods can harm your heart and blood vessels Archyde 13/03/21

Pulse check – watch your heart rate, but don't obsess about it The Mamaroneck Review 12/03/21
Also in: US local news

Open Heart

Research: Prevalence and determinants of hypertension control among almost 100 000 treated adults in the UK (PR)

It's Time To Sort Out Your Blood Pressure. Here Are 7 Expert-Approved Tips Huffington Post UK 12/03/21

Also in: Yahoo Finance UK, Yahoo UK, Yahoo! Lifestyle Singapore, Mirage News, Malaysia Yahoo, Medical Xpress, Feedimo, DUK News

Thorax

Research: Effect of exposure to fine particulate matter during pregnancy and infancy on paediatric allergic rhinitis (PR)

Hayfever linked to exposure to air pollution before and after birth BBC Science Focus 12/03/21
Exposure to pollution before and after birth linked to allergic rhinitis Gibraltar Chronicle 12/03/21

Also in: The Sunday Post, This is Local London, Jersey Evening Post + extensive UK local

**How many people who test positive are asymptomatic? Your COVID-19 questions answered.** The Sault News 08/03/21

**Grandmaternal Smoking During Pregnancy May Increase Asthma Risk in Male Grandchildren** Clinical Advisor 10/03/21

**Sudbury letter: Sometimes, the medicine we take lowers global warming** Sudbury Star 11/03/21

**Immunology trends: Asthma leads Twitter mentions in Q4 2020** Clinical Trials Arena 12/03/21

**Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases**

**Acceptable Safety Profile of Upadacitinib for Moderate to Severe Rheumatoid Arthritis** Rheumatology Advisor 08/03/21

**Disease Activity, DMARDs May Affect COVID-19 Death Risk in Patients With Rheumatic Disease** Docwire News 08/03/21

**How Non-Radiographic Axial Spondyloarthritis Is Diagnosed: What to Expect at the Doctor** CreakyJoints 08/03/21

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**Tocilizumab Approved by the FDA for Systemic Sclerosis-Associated Interstitial Lung Disease** Rheumatology Network 09/03/21

**Haunted by the Past: Adverse Childhood Experiences and RA** Rheumatology Network 09/03/21

**Inflammatory joint diseases confer 'low excess risk' for COVID-19 hospitalization, death** Healio 10/03/21

**Patients With Rheumatoid Arthritis Report Inconsistent Medicare Claims History** Rheumatology Network 10/03/21

**Upadacitinib found effective for psoriatic arthritis patients, Finds Study** Medical Dialogues 10/03/21

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**COVID Death: Which Rheumatic Patients Are at Risk?** Medically Prime 11/03/21

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‘We’ve seen so many girls suffering in lockdown’: the troubling rise of tics among teenage girls

First UK lockdown saw a ‘steep rise’ in cases of depression among children

Five reasons to add this golden nectar to your diet

Unstable work-life linked to future mental health problems in youth

Patient-reported burden of dry eye disease in the UK: a cross-sectional web-based survey

Ultraprocessed Food Attacks Your Bones and Vertebrae

Ten-year study shows legalized abortion does not improve maternal mortality

Patients With Type 1 Diabetes Have Markers of Exocrine Pancreatic Impairment

81 CrossFit Statistics You Should Know
BMJ Quality & Safety

Research: Effectiveness of a multifaceted intervention to improve emergency department care of low back pain: a stepped-wedge, cluster-randomised trial
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NSW TRIAL QUESTIONS USE OF OPIOID PAINKILLERS FOR BACK PAIN Retail Pharmacy 11/03/21

A cheap heat pack to replace opioids for back pain? It may work Sydney Morning Herald 11/03/21


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Views on Abortion Among Obstetricians/Gynaecologists in Northern Ireland Medscape 11/03/21

The Weekly Pulse: Arkansas Near-Total Abortion Ban; Biden Signs American Rescue Plan; Feminists Mark One Year of COVID MS Magazine 12/03/21

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Providers Strategize to Close Racial Gaps in Hospice Care Hospice News 12/03/21

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UNMC, UNO Develop Glaucoma App Klin Newstalk 08/03/21

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Ill-Fitted Face Masks Could Lead to Defects on Visual-Field Tests Medscape 08/03/21

Eye surgery robotics startup ForSight raises $10M Yahoo Finance 09/03/21
Eye, robot Tech Crunch 11/03/21
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British Journal of Sports Medicine
Everything You Need to Know About Supplements for Joint Pain MSN Lifestyle 08/03/21
Also in: Reader’s Digest

This 15-Minute Total Core Workout Will Secretly Work Every Other Muscle In Your Body, Too MSN Lifestyle 08/03/21

Fast-paced walking helps you live longer: study New York Post 09/03/21

Further coverage for transwomen athletes’ competitive advantage (PR)
Joanna Harper’s new research shows why trans athletes should be able to compete in women’s sports Outsports 09/03/21
Georgia’s Transgender Bill Will Likely Be Illegal Medium 09/03/21
Kansas senator leaves out context in claim about transgender athletes PolitiFact 09/03/21
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UFC Fighter Georges St-Pierre Shared a Deceptively Simple 20-Second Core Challenge
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The Best Knee Braces, According to Physical Therapists MSN Lifestyle 11/03/21

Still Working From Home? You May Need These 17 Tips to Not Gain (More) Weight MSN Lifestyle 11/03/21

Retaining teens, protecting front-rowers and embracing a summer of rugby: The RFU’s plan to relaunch grass-roots rugby The Telegraph 11/03/21
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The hardest truth of Covid's first wave -- people were denied treatment The Times 08/03/21

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Colon capsule endoscopy, an effective option for colorectal cancer screening: BMJ Medical Dialogues 09/03/21

Acid Reflux Drugs May Increase Diabetes Risk BottomLineInc 11/03/21

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Research: Differential and longitudinal immune gene patterns associated with reprogrammed microenvironment and viral mimicry in response to neoadjuvant radiotherapy in rectal cancer (External PR)

Radiotherapy-resistant cancers could be rendered susceptible through immunotherapy treatment News-Medical.Net 08/03/21

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Guidelines provide consensus on management of CAR T-cell therapy-related toxicities Healio 10/03/21

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Car-crash risk up to four times higher for poor young drivers The Sydney Morning Herald 11/03/21

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Interview with World Renowned Epidemiologists on 5G and the Need to Protect Kids Activist Post 12/03/21

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Lung Involvement Increases Patients’ In-hospital Risk of Death, Costs Scleroderma News 11/03/21

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King County approves hazard pay for grocery workers in unincorporated areas The Seattle Times 09/03/21

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Reduced Cardiorespiratory Fitness Mediates Excess All-cause Mortality in Rheumatoid Arthritis Docwire News 09/03/21

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