A total of 23 journals were picked up in the media last week (12-18 April) - our highlights include:

- A BJSM study finding that physical inactivity is linked to more severe COVID-19 infection and death received excellent global coverage, including The New York Times, Forbes, Times of India, and BBC World Service.

- Experts in The BMJ saying that this summer’s Olympic and Paralympic games should be reconsidered made international headlines, including Forbes, South China Morning Post, The Japan Times, and The New York Times.

- Doctors in BMJ Case Reports warning that heavy energy drink consumption may be linked to heart failure made headlines in The Sun, CTV News Canada, and BBC News.

PRESS RELEASES

The BMJ | BMJ Case Reports
British Journal of Sports Medicine | Gut

EXTERNAL PRESS RELEASES

Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer | Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health

OTHER COVERAGE

The BMJ | Archives of Disease in Childhood
BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine | BMJ Innovations
BMJ Open | BMJ Open Ophthalmology
BMJ Open Sport & Exercise Medicine | BMJ Paediatrics Open
BMJ Supportive & Palliative Care | British Journal of Ophthalmology
Injury Prevention | Journal of Investigative Medicine
Journal of Medical Ethics | Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry
Lupus Science & Medicine | Medical Humanities
Open Heart | Thorax

The BMJ press release coverage

Editorial: Reconsider this summer’s Olympic and Paralympic games (PR)
Will The Tokyo Olympics Get Canceled? Government Official Suggests It’s A Possibility
Forbes 15/04/21
Tokyo Olympics must be 'reconsidered' due to Japan’s failure to contain pandemic, says report South China Morning Post 16/04/21
In break from official line, LDP No. 2 floats Tokyo Games cancellation The Japan Times 15/04/21


International

Other

Editorial: Covid-19 has redefined airborne transmission (PR)

BBC Radio 4 Today (Fiona Godlee interview) (skip to 2:40:20) 15/04/21
To Stop Covid Spreading, We Need To Talk About Ventilation HuffPost UK 15/04/21
Covid: Keep ‘garlic-breath distance’ from friends to stop transmission, says expert The Independent 15/04/21
Ventilation matters: Open the windows to curb Covid spread, say experts The Economic Times 16/04/21

Research: **Associations of healthy lifestyle and socioeconomic status with mortality and incident cardiovascular disease: two prospective cohort studies** (PR)

_Study reveals unhealthy lifestyle only explains small part of health inequity in UK, US adults_ Times of India 15/04/21

**Also in:** NewKerala, LatestLY, Big News Network, News-Medical.Net, Asia Insurance Post, Hindustan Times, WebIndia123, AniNews.in

Research: **Continued versus discontinued oxytocin stimulation in the active phase of labour (CONDISOX): double blind randomised controlled trial**

_Study Explores Oxytocin Use in Active Phase of Induced Labor_ Drugs.com 15/04/21

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_U.K. Variant Of Coronavirus Doesn't Cause More Severe Covid-19 Cases, Study Finds_ Forbes 13/04/21

_Vaccine chart toppers: what Australia can learn from world's best rollouts_ The Guardian 14/04/21

_Amid COVID-19 and climate change, world leaders call for urgent action on adolescent wellbeing_ The New Indian Express 15/04/21

_Lack of trial data exacerbates COVID-19 vaccine inequality_ (TBMJ Opinion) Medical News Today 16/04/21

**JOURNALS**

**BMJ Case Reports**

Case Report: **Energy drink-induced cardiomyopathy** (PR)

_Man, 21, left fighting for life after energy drink habit led to heart failure_ The Sun + Scottish edition 16/04/21

_21-year-old experiences heart failure after drinking four energy drinks a day for two years: case study_ CTV News Canada 17/04/21

_Student's heart failure linked to 'excessive' energy drinks_ BBC News 16/04/21

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Case Report: Development of central precocious puberty following cannabinoid use for paediatric epilepsy: causal or coincidence? (PR)

Cannabis use at young age might lead to heart disease. Here's how Hindustan Times 18/04/21

Study explores temporal link between medicinal cannabis for epilepsy and early puberty Lokmat Times (English version) 16/04/21

Did CBD oil for seizures push a 2 year old boy into puberty? U.S. News & World Report 16/04/21


Other

Sickening photos show how chemicals used to cut cocaine rot your skin and genitals Mirror 16/04/21

Also in: LadBible, Business Fast, Daily Star

58-year-old patient with double vision diagnosed with COVID-19 Optometry Today 16/04/21

Making waves: India heads towards the fourth wave of coronavirus New Indian Express 18/04/21
Toddler’s hair causes rare strangulation in her sleep  Yahoo News Australia +NZ 18/04/21

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Research: Physical inactivity is associated with a higher risk for severe COVID-19 outcomes: a study in 48 440 adult patients  (PR)

Regular Exercise May Help Protect Against Severe Covid  The New York Times 14/04/21
Physical Inactivity Linked To More Severe Covid-19 Infection And Death  Forbes 14/04/21
Covid Patients With Sedentary Habits More Likely To Die: Study  Times of India 14/04/21

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Rest of the world
Health + Medicine

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Research: Effects of wearing a cloth face mask on performance, physiological and perceptual responses during a graded treadmill running exercise test (PR)

Wearing a cloth face mask while exercising ‘increases breathlessness’ Daily Mail 14/04/21
Cloth face mask curbs exercise performance and capacity OnMedica 14/04/21


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Body Types: How to Exercise and Eat for Your Body BodyBuilding 11/05/21
First concussion guidelines for Para-football published in British Journal of Sports Medicine
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Why exercising before a vaccine is a good idea Western Australia Today 18/04/21
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Processed meats, sugary drinks linked to gut inflammation ET Healthworld 14/04/21
Eating too much meat, sugar and alcohol can lead to inflammatory gut bugs Prevention Magazine Australia 15/04/21
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Reason 16/04/21
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