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A total of 23 journals were picked up in the media last week (31 May - 6 June)

Our highlights include:

- A commentary published in *BMJ Global Health* urging that the COVID-19 jab should be made free for everyone in India to boost uptake and curb the death toll made headlines in *Business Standard*, the *International Business Times (India)*, and *COSMOS Magazine*.

- A *JNNP* study finding that neurological and psychiatric symptoms such as fatigue and depression are common among people with coronavirus and may be just as likely in people with mild cases was covered widely, including *Yahoo! News Malaysia*, the *Daily Mail*, *LBC*, and the *Irish Examiner*.

- Further coverage for the *ARD* study suggesting that methotrexate users have a reduced immune response to mRNA COVID-19 vaccines, including *Times of India*, *Yahoo! Hong Kong*, and *Infectious Disease Advisor*.

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**PRESS RELEASES**

- **The BMJ** | **BMJ Global Health**
- **BMJ Open**

**EXTERNAL PRESS RELEASES**

- **BMJ Open** | **Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry**

**OTHER COVERAGE**

- **The BMJ** | **Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases**
- **Archives of Disease in Childhood** | **BMJ Case Reports**
- **BMJ Nutrition, Prevention & Health** | **BMJ Open Quality**
- **BMJ Quality & Safety** | **BMJ Supportive & Palliative Care**
- **British Journal of Ophthalmology** | **British Journal of Sports Medicine**
- **Gut** | **Heart**
- **Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer** | **Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health**
- **Journal of Investigative Medicine** | **Journal of Medical Ethics**
The BMJ press release coverage

Investigation: Covid 19: How harm reduction advocates and the tobacco industry capitalised on the pandemic to promote nicotine (PR)

Investigation discredits studies suggesting lower COVID-19 risk for smokers UPI 02/06/21

Also in: News-Medical.Net, Poynter, MedPage Today, Infosurhoy, Medical Xpress

Other notable coverage
Fiona Godlee interviewed on The Anti-Vax Conspiracy, Channel 4 01/06/21 (skip to 00:12:19)
Doctors blast BMJ over ‘one-sided’ letter on Israel The Jewish Chronicle 03/06/21
Heart rehab attendance halved during the pandemic The Daily Telegraph 04/06/21
Tony Blair calls for vaccinated people to be released from lockdown restrictions The Daily Telegraph 06/06/21
Further global coverage for Tokyo Olympics editorial, including The Independent, Daily Mail, CTV News, Samoa Observer, Outlook India

JOURNALS

BMJ Global Health

Commentary: The COVID-19 vaccination programme in India needs a shot in the arm, urgently and sustainably (India Focus PR)

Govt's target to vaccine 1 billion people in 2021 'not possible': ICMR Business Standard 02/06/21
Govt's target to vaccinate 1 billion people by the end of 2021 "not possible," says ICMR International Business Times (India) 03/06/21
The vaccine should be free in India, argue experts COSMOS Magazine 05/06/21


Other
Can climate change increase violence against women? Science Connected Magazine 01/06/21

Assessing cost-effective interventions to reduce maternal, stillborn and newborn deaths Mirage News 01/06/21

**BMJ Open**

Research: Quantifying audio visual alcohol imagery in popular Indian films: a content analysis (India Focus PR)

Most box office hit films suitable for children in India contain alcohol imagery Medical Xpress 02/06/21

Also in: Florida News Times, Mirage News Australia, Sound Health and Lasting Wealth, mashupmd, Zoltx.com, Healthybeautydaily.com, docwire news, Eurasia Review

Why your sofa could be fuelling the diabetes epidemic: Many of us sit for too long — and experts say it's killing us. Dr MICHAEL MOSLEY reveals the simple tricks to get more active (without going near a gym) Daily Mail 31/05/21

Also in: Mogaz News, Newsfeeds, NewsColony, DUK News, Mail Plus, Eminetra

Research: Intrapartum interventions and outcomes for women and children following induction of labour at term in uncomplicated pregnancies: a 16-year population-based linked data study (External PR)

Too many healthy women are having their labour induced for no identified medical reason, our study shows The Conversation UK + AU 01/06/21

‘No discussion’: significant increase in women being induced for low-risk births, study finds Medically Prime 05/06/21

Also in: Yahoo! India Style, Yahoo! Lifestyle Singapore, Yahoo! Canada Style, MSN UK, Global Advisors, Macay Online News, Medical Xpress, Daily Bulletin AU, MSN NZ, BabyGaga, Mirage News

The X-ray that will reveal if you really need statins Daily Mail 01/06/21

Also in: MSN UK, MSN South Africa, Health Medici Net, Sound Health and Lasting Wealth

Further coverage for number of siblings linked to cardiovascular disease (PR)

Being the eldest sibling may be good for the heart Daily Mail (+ Scottish Daily Mail) 01/06/21

Also in: MSN IE, Best Life, MedPage Today

Bayer’s investment arm leads digital health startup’s $90M round MedCity News 01/06/21

Most children and adults have low omega-3 levels, says recent study Nutritional Outlook 02/06/21

Induced baby boom The Saturday Paper (AU) 02/06/21

Research identifies complications from inducing uncomplicated births MIDIRS Midwifery Digest 03/06/21
One Major Effect of Eating Pasta, Says Science  Eat This, Not That! 04/06/21
Also in: Yahoo Lifestyle Singapore

What Is a Manifestation Journal (and Can It Actually Help You Achieve Your Goals)?
PureWow 05/06/21
Also in: MSN Lifestyle

Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases
Further coverage for methotrexate and covid-19 vaccine (PR)
Methotrexate May Impair Immune Response to mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine  Infectious Disease Advisor 01/06/21
Patients Taking Anti-Inflammatory Drugs Respond Less Well to COVID-19 Vaccine  Yahoo! Hong Kong 02/06/21
Anti-inflammatory drugs may cause weaker immune response to Covid-19 vaccine: Study  Times of India 03/06/21


Tofacitinib displays 'significantly greater' efficacy vs. placebo in ankylosing spondylitis  Healio 02/06/21
Also in: Rheumatology Advisor, Medical Dialogues

Mindfulness Therapy Programs May Improve Mental Health in Rheumatic Diseases
CreakyJoints 02/06/21

Rituximab, JAK inhibitors linked to worse COVID-19 severity in RA patients
medwireNews 02/06/21

This Medication Could Cause Lower Antibodies After Your Vaccine, Study Says  Best Life 02/06/21

Should You Attend COVID Weddings If You're Fully Vaccinated and Immunocompromised?
CreakyJoints 03/06/21

EULAR COVID-19 recommendations set for update  Rheumatology News 03/06/21
Also in: Medscape, Medical Dialogues India

Celltrion Reveals Positive Clinical Trial Data for Biosimilar Adalimumab  Pharmtech 03/06/21
Also in: BusinessWire

Archives of Disease in Childhood
Vitamin D Supplements May Not Protect You From This, New Study Says  PressFrom Canada 03/06/21

How lockdown has sparked 'explosion' of Tourette's among teenage girls: Fuelled by pandemic anxiety, young women are developing verbal tics and uncontrollable spasms - and
**TikTok could be fuelling the spread** Daily Mail 04/06/21

**BMJ Case Reports**

*Why wild swimming is Britain's new craze* BBC News 04/06/21 (Previous PR)

*Also in: sportskeeder*

**Key Steps Can Lower Risk of CAD Complications During Surgery** Cold Agglutinin Disease News 04/06/21

**BMJ Nutrition, Prevention & Health**

*Vitamin D Supplements May Not Reduce COVID-19 Risk, New Study Says* Healthline 01/06/21 (Previous PR)

**BMJ Open Quality**

*Cystic fibrosis center prioritizes screening for depression and anxiety* Medical Xpress 04/06/21

**BMJ Quality & Safety**

*Doctors in chains?* Pharmaceutical Journal 02/06/21

**BMJ Supportive & Palliative Care**

*Doctors label assisted-dying system 'pedantic' and 'clunky'* Sydney Morning Herald 07/06/21

*Also in: WAtoday.com.au, Brisbane Times,*

**British Journal of Ophthalmology**

*Despite Risks, Switch to Brolucizumab Might Help Some With Wet AMD* Medscape 01/06/21

**Aequus Provides General Update and First Quarter 2021 Financial Highlights** Yahoo Finance 01/06/21

*Also in: Globe Newswire, Wallstreet Online*

**What Happens To Your Body When You Eat Bacon Every Day** Health Digest 03/06/21

**British Journal of Sports Medicine**

*Exercise-based Prevention Programs Reduce Non-Contact Injuries* Orthopedics This Week 01/06/21

*Secret Side Effects of Walking Before Breakfast, Says Science* Eat This, Not That! 02/06/21

*This Type of Training Can Make You Stronger and More Flexible-No Equipment Required* Health 02/05/21

*‘This Will 100% Save Somebody's Life.’ Athletes See a Turning Point for Mental Health After Naomi Osaka Takes a Stand at the French Open* TIME 02/06/21

*What Is Eccentric Exercise-And Why Should You Incorporate It Into Your Training Program?* MSN Health & Fitness 03/06/21

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*Do you need to wear a face mask to do exercise?* TecReview 02/06/21 (Previous PR)
LOWER STEP RATE INCREASES RISK OF BONE STRESS INJURY? Orthopedics 02/06/21

Liberals Lose It As DeSantis Signs Bill Protecting Women's Sports Townhall 02/06/21

From walking at 4mph to climbing stairs every hour, we reveal the maths of midlife fitness The Telegraph 03/06/21
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Top influencers in orthopaedics in Q1 2021: The top individuals to follow Medical Device Developments 03/06/21
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Exercise to combat covid TT Newsday 04/06/21 (Previous PR)

Getting a leg up on health (and other body parts too) Texarkana Gazette 05/06/21

Alistair McGowan health: Impressionist has 'mild scoliosis' - symptoms Daily Express 05/06/21

Recent Study Shows Any Movement Goes a Long Way RiverBender.com 06/06/21

5 Facts for Heart Health Alternative Medicine 05/06/21

Alistair McGowan health: Impressionist has 'mild scoliosis' - symptoms Daily Express 05/06/21

Gut Study Reveals Soda Doubles Colorectal Cancer Risk in Women Under 50 US News Chant 31/05/21 (Previous PR)
Also in: Power of Positivity, Naturopathic Doctor News & Review, newsmax,

Mumbai-based experts explain why gut health matters and how to maintain it MSN India 01/06/21
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The Blue Poop Challenge: The Viral Trend for Checking Gut Health VeryWell Health 02/06/21
Also in: CTV.ca-British Columbia, Yahoo News, Press From, Business Insider Australia, MSN Philippines, MSN Arabia, INSIDER, MSN Arabia

Heart Osteoporosis Strongly Associated with Heart Disease in Women Naturopathic Doctor News & Review 02/05/21 (Previous PR)

40 Ways You're Ruining Your Heart, Say Doctors Yahoo India 03/06/21

Discrimination and Harassment in the Cardiology Workplace Cardiology Advisor 05/06/21

Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer Portonbio announced strategic cooperation with KAEDI to accelerate the R&D and
production of CAR-T drugs National Oncology State Network 02/06/21
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Vulnerable older people at greater risk of depression and anxiety during pandemic The Senior 31/05/21

The Truth About Green Tea for Weight Loss Yahoo Finance 05/06/21

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Mortality Following Diabetic Ketoacidosis Greater in T2D vs T1D Endocrinology Advisor 02/06/21

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DeSantis Sends a Defiant Message to Woke Capitalism and the NCAA on the First Day of ‘Pride Month’ PJ Media 01/02/21

UK Judge Permits Euthanasia of Jewish Baby Against her Parents’ Wishes Jewish Press 02/06/21

Ethicists call for 'soft' mandatory vaccine policy for healthcare workers COSMOS 04/06/21

DeSantis defies NCAA threats over women’s sports; ‘To hell with these events’ LifeSite 04/06/21

Journal of Medical Genetics
Family finds answers to rare, genetic glaucoma Michigan Health 04/06/21

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COVID vaccine injury reports among 12- to 17-year-olds more than triple in 1 week, VAERS data show USSA News 31/05/21
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Research: Neurology and neuropsychiatry of COVID-19: a systematic review and meta-analysis of the early literature reveals frequent CNS manifestations and key emerging narratives (External PR)

‘COVID-19 affecting mental health is the norm’: Depression common after mild or severe coronavirus, study suggests Yahoo News Malaysia 03/06/21
Neurological symptoms like fatigue common in mild Covid-19 - study Daily Mail 04/06/21
Neurological symptoms like fatigue common in mild Covid-19, study shows Irish Examiner 04/06/1


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Uterine transplant research sees positive results Medical Xpress 01/06/21
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*AutoMatters & More: Staying alert — and awake — while driving* Del Mar Times 04/06/21

*As Walmart sales soared, workers got scan COVID-19 protection from OHSA* The Southern Maryland Chronicle 04/06/21 (Previous PR)

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*How Juul founders' dream to disrupt Big Tobacco left teens hooked on vaping* The World News 05/06/21

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*Illicit cigarettes trade far less than propagated by tobacco industry -- study* The Nation (PK) 06/06/21