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Kamran Abbasi appointed as Editor-in-Chief of The BMJ (PR)

BMJ announces new editor InPublishing 16/12/2021
Also in: The Charleston Advisor, KnowledgeSpeak

Open Letter: Facebook urged to act over incompetent “fact check” of BMJ investigation (PR)
Facebook urged to act over incompetent “fact check” of BMJ investigation

In Publishing

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British Medical Journal criticizes Facebook over “inaccurate, incompetent and irresponsible” “fact-check” used to censor

USSA News 17/12/2021


The BMJ Xmas issue press release coverage

Research: “It’s not rocket science” and “It’s not brain surgery”—“It’s a walk in the park”: prospective comparative study (PR)

Brain surgeons and rocket scientists no brighter than the rest of us, study finds

The Guardian 13/12/2021

The stereotype isn’t true! Rocket scientists and brain surgeons are NO smarter than you are, study claims

Daily Mail 13/12/2021

First News: Everyone Is Brainy!

The Scotsman 13/12/2021


International

Other

Research: Anticipating the ageing trajectories of superheroes in the Marvel cinematic universe (PR)

Time won't be kind to most of Marvel's superheroes! Spiderman, Hulk and Black Widow would all suffer chronic conditions in old age – while Black Panther's vegetarian diet and wealth would lead to healthy ageing, study claims Daily Mail 13/12/2021
Even superheroes are at risk of chronic health conditions Daily Telegraph 14/12/2021

Also in: The Times, UK Today News, BBC Bristol (skip to 16:52 mins), Jeremy Vine Channel 5 (skip to 11:00 mins), Free Press Journal, BBC Radio 2 (skip to 14:40 mins) Lincolnshire FM (skip to 22:36 mins), Britain News, London News Today

International

Other

Research: Association of Logic's hip hop song “1-800-273-8255” with Lifeline calls and suicides in the United States: interrupted time series analysis
Editorial: A song of hope (PR)
among the AI generated ones (PR)

Spot the difference: Can AI generate plausible Christmas BMJ titles? Medical Xpress 15/12/2021


Research: Effectiveness of mRNA-1273 against delta, mu, and other emerging variants of SARS-CoV-2: test negative case-control study (External PR)

Two doses of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine highly effective against all SARS-CoV-2 variants News Medical 15/12/2021


Research: SARS-CoV-2 vaccination and myocarditis or myopericarditis: population based cohort study (PR)

Moderna COVID-19 shot more likely to cause heart inflammation than Pfizer’s, study shows Daily Mail 17/12/2021
Research provides reassuring data on the risk of heart inflammation after SARS-CoV-2 vaccination News Medical 16/12/2021
Vast study confirms rare heart risk from Moderna jab Al Khaleej Today 17/12/2021

Also in: UK Today News, Yahoo News, The Economic Times, AOL.com, Reuters, MD Alert, Yahoo UK

International

Other
Further coverage for Pfizer whistleblower investigation
When resistance becomes duty The Common Sense Show 13/12/2021

Further coverage for lessons learned from behavioural science during pandemic (PR)
Downing Street party: What behavioural science tells us about how the saga could affect adherence to Plan B Medical Xpress 13/12/2021

Other notable coverage
Wealthy nations rush boosters to counter omicron as poorer nations await first doses The Washington Post 13/12/2021
talkRADIO (skip to 11:18 mins) Have I Got News for You BBC 1 (skip to 21:54 mins and also 21:56 mins) 17/12/21
BBC Radio 4 Yorkshire’s Cricket Test programme - Kamran Abbasi considers the roots of Yorkshire County Cricket Club’s problems with racism 18/12/2021
LBC Radio discussion (skip to 9:37 mins) of Covid-19: Omicron is causing more infections but fewer hospital admissions than delta, South African data show BMJ news story 16/12/2021
Recent BMJ Editorial mentioned in Letter section of The Times (plus Irish edition) 20/12/2021
Covid boosters in rich countries outnumber all jabs among poor nations Financial Times 19/12/2021
Wealthy nations rush boosters to counter omicron as poorer nations await first doses The Washington Post 13/12/2021

JOURNALS

BMJ Global Health

Analysis: Tracking the uptake and trajectory of COVID-19 vaccination coverage in 15 West African countries: an interim analysis (PR)

West African nations need to ramp up COVID-19 vaccination 10-fold Scienmag 15/12/2021


Research: Preceding group A streptococcus skin and throat infections are individually associated with acute rheumatic fever: evidence from New Zealand (External PR)

‘Breakthrough’ Otago research confirms skin infections as cause of rheumatic fever Mirage News Australia 20/12/2021
Also in: The National Tribune

Further coverage for how Germany, Sweden and the UK dealt with covid-19 (PR)
One pandemic, three reactions: New study picks apart Germany, Sweden and the UK's COVID response Euronews 13/12/2021

Also in: Akilli Gundem

BMJ Paediatrics Open

Research: Medical cannabis for severe treatment resistant epilepsy in children: a case series of 10 patients (PR)

Study: Medical marijuana may help ease severe epilepsy in kids UPI 16/12/21
Epileptic seizure frequency fell by 86% in children treated with whole-plant medicinal cannabis OnMedica 15/12/2021


Other

Emergency Medicine Journal

Research: Hyperbaric oxygen as an adjuvant treatment for patients with COVID-19 severe hypoxaemia: a randomised controlled trial

Editorial: Hyperbaric oxygen therapy for patients with COVID-19 (PR)

Which Treatment Resolves Severe COVID-19 Breathing Difficulties Faster? MedIndia 15/1/21
Hyperbaric oxygen resolves breathing difficulties in COVID-19 faster than standard therapy, study suggests OnMedica 15/12/21

Also in: Florida News Times, Mirage News, Botswana.on-24, Athina 984, Namibia.on-24, Mirage News Australia plus extensive local media coverage, WISC-TV, Madison.com, Medical Xpress, ScienMag, News-Medical.net, mashupmd, Newsbinding, Newsbulletin 247, Daily Advent, Revyuh News, Newsbreak, 2minute Medicine, News Binding, thewebobserv, Physician's Briefing, Drugs.com, Physician’s Weekly, NursingCenter, Citizen Online, HealthDay, IMPACT,

Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases

Obesity plus genetic predisposition exacerbates risk for gout in women Healio 15/12/21
**BMJ Case Reports**
*Further coverage for plant-based diet and migraines (PR)*
Reversing ageing, ill-health with natural products The Guardian (Nigeria) 16/12/2021

**BMJ Nutrition Prevention & Health**
*Diet-based mitigation may be used hand in hand with vaccination against COVID-19*
Medical Xpress 17/12/21
*Also in: SmallCapNews*

**BMJ Open**
*Research: Burden of chronic diseases associated with periodontal diseases: a retrospective cohort study using UK primary care data (External PR)*

Poor oral health ‘raises risk of mental illness by a third’ Daily Telegraph 20/12/2021 (Print)
(misattributed to The BMJ)
Gum disease found to increase risk of mental health and heart conditions - study Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce 20/12/2021

*Further coverage for housework link to sharper memory (PR)*
An unexpected perk of housework: healthy aging Easy Health Options 14/12/2021

*Suboptimal Nurse Staffing Ratios Tied to Adverse Patient Safety Events* Patient Engagement HIT 13/12/2021

*Further coverage for third of first year university students depressed/anxious (PR)*
1 in 3 College Freshmen Has Depression, Anxiety HomeWord 14/12/2021
*Also in: crosswalk.com*

**British Journal of Ophthalmology**
*Eye diseases linked to a higher risk of dementia* Harvard Health Newsletter (January issue) 17/12/21 (Previous PR)

**British Journal of Sports Medicine**
*The Numbers Don't Lie in the Transgender Sports Debate* CNS News 16/12/21 (Previous PR)
*Also in: Insider NJ, Independent, The Teen Magazine, WiredFocus*

**Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health**
*Why Pittsburgh Is Dimming Its Streetlights* Bloomberg 14/12/21
*Also in: Flipboard*

**Journal of Medical Ethics**
*‘Human Extinction Would Be Fine’ if Asteroid Hit – Say Woke Transhumanists* Before It’s News 15/12/2021
*Also in: Conservative Angle, LifeNews*

**Journal of NeuroInterventional Surgery**
*Route 92 Medical collects $111M for its brain blood clot-clearing devices* FierceBiotech 15/12/2021

**Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry**
**Research:** The heritability of amyloid burden in older adults: the Older Australian Twins Study (External PR)

**Twins Study Indicates Environmental Factors Significant in Alzheimer’s Pathology** Mirage News Australia 20/12/2021

**Also in:** The National Tribune, OZ News Today, NewsBlaze plus extensive local media coverage, Connectweb, Photoa AAP, News Centre, News of Australia, Newswire NZ, Australian Associated Press, About Pain, Mediaverse, Good Health Products

**Data Show Erenumab’s Efficacy, Safety in Episodic Migraine After 2 Years** American Journal of Managed Care 16/12/2021

**Regional Anesthesia & Pain Medicine**

*Further coverage of recent cannabis use linked to extremes of sleep duration (PR)*

**Marijuana Can Cause This Awful Side Effect, Study Suggests** LA Cannabis News 13/12/2021 (wrongly attributed to The BMJ)

**Also in:** Neurology Advisor, Eat This Not That!, MSN IE, MSH Arabia, MSN Singapore, MSN MY, MSN Health CA, Cannabis.net, Rheumatology Advisor, MD Alert, Medscape, ArcaMax, The Fresh Toast, Eat This, Not That! Yahoo Lifestyle

**Sexually Transmitted Infections**

**Research:** Impacts of COVID-19 on sexual behaviour in Britain: findings from a large, quasi-representative survey (Natsal-COVID) (External PR)

**How did lockdown affect people’s sex lives in Britain?** Mirage News 17/12/21

**Also in:** News-Medical.net (Misattrib The BMJ), MyScience.org, 24HTech, Phys.org

**Tobacco Control**

**Research:** New tobacco and nicotine products in Latin America and the Caribbean: assessing the market and regulatory environment (External PR)

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