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**Coverage for 31 Jan - 6 Feb 2022**

Graph shows press releases that generated 500+ daily visitors to journal sites up to 7 days after embargo lift

**PRESS RELEASES**

- The BMJ | British Journal of Sports Medicine
- BMJ Global Health | BMJ Open

**EXTERNAL PRESS RELEASES**

- Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer

**OTHER COVERAGE**

- The BMJ | Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases
- BMJ Case Reports | BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine
- BMJ Global Health | BMJ Nutrition, Prevention & Health
- BMJ Open | BMJ Quality & Safety
- BMJ Sexual & Reproductive Health | British Journal of Ophthalmology
- British Journal of Sports Medicine | Emergency Medicine Journal
- Gut | Heart | Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer
- Journal of Clinical Pathology | Journal of Medical Ethics
- Journal of NeuroInterventional Surgery
- Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry
- Open Heart | Thorax

**INFLUENCE**

**The BMJ press release coverage**

Research: [Ketamine for the acute treatment of severe suicidal ideation: double blind, randomised placebo controlled trial](https://www.bmj.com/content/377/bmj.n162) (PR)

Editorial: [Ketamine for suicidal ideation](https://www.bmj.com/content/377/bmj.n161) (PR)
Ketamine an effective treatment for curbing suicidal thoughts, says study
The Telegraph 3/2/2022
Ketamine could help save the lives of suicidal people: Patients given illegal party drug were TWICE as likely to be rid of their dark thoughts within three days
Daily Mail 2/2/2022
Study finds ketamine is short-term effective treatment for some suicidal patients in hospital
Dublin News 3/2/2022

Also in: The Independent, Daily Express, UK Today News, DUK News, Yahoo UK, MSN UK, Irish Daily Sun


Research: Association between age at onset of multimorbidity and incidence of dementia: 30 year follow-up in Whitehall II prospective cohort study
The Times + Irish + Scottish editions 3/2/2022
Dementia twice as likely with two chronic illnesses
The Guardian 2/2/2022
Two or more chronic health problems in middle age ‘doubles dementia risk’
Health Europa 3/2/2022

Also in: The Telegraph, Daily Mail, i newspaper, Daily Express, MailOnline, MSN UK, ITV online, talkRADIO (skip to 6:33 mins), Times Radio (skip to 4:04 mins), Britain News, Yahoo UK, BelfastLive, Western Mail, Glasgow Evening Times, The Herald Scotland plus extensive local media coverage, UK Today News, DUK News, The London News, Today News Post, Today Headline, Mail +, he Irish Times, Irish Independent,

Further coverage for data on menstrual changes after Covid-19 vaccination (PR)
Covid-19 Vaccines Impact Menstruation Among Women But...: Study Dailyhunt 1/2/2022
Also in: Technocodex, Health.10ztalk, MSN India, My Times Now, News18, Samachar Central, The Tab, ET Healthworld, newKerala.com, Practice Business, I Know All News, 5 Dariya News, LabRoots, Healio, Women’s Health News

Further coverage for vitamins and supplements may cut risk of autoimmune disease (PR)
Vitamin D can prevent autoimmune disease in people over 50 Today Headline 31/1/2022

Further coverage for physical activity monitors help boost activity levels (PR)
Health Fusion: Smart watches help you move a little more, study shows The Jamestown Sun 31/1/2022
Also in: Detroit Lakes Tribune, The Daily Republic, Dickinson Press plus extensive local media coverage, Asian Voice, KXII-TV 12

Further coverage for BMJ’s appeal after Facebook fails to act over “fact check” (PR)
In trying to tackle fake news, Facebook is cracking down on real science New Statesman article by Rebecca Coombes and Madlen Davies 29/1/2022
The British Medical Journal Story That Exposed Politicized "Fact-Checking" Paul Thacker talks to US investigative journalist Matt Taibbi 1/2/2022
Medical journal hints at Facebook lawsuit for throttling investigation of COVID vaccine trial Just the News 3/2/2022
Russell Brand Youtube video (0.9m views): As one of the world’s oldest and most respected medical journals criticises Facebook over “inaccurate, incompetent and irresponsible” “fact-checking” are the arguments for online censorship crumbling? 6/2/2022
Dr John Campbell Youtube video (0.5m views): BMJ gets fact checked 7/2/2022

Further coverage for call for Covid-19 vaccine and treatment data to be made public (PR)
BMJ Demands Immediate Vaccine Data GlobalResearch 1/2/2022
Also in: Digital I Wire, Before It’s News, News Concerns, The Spectator Australia, Global Research, The Epoch Times

Further coverage for metal pins no better than plaster cast for broken wrist (PR)
Surgical Fixation No Better for Dorsally Displaced Distal Radius Fracture  Winona Daily News 31/1/2022

Other notable coverage

British Medical Journal argues industry “should not be involved in decisions” on gambling harm  CDC Gaming Reports 1/2/2022
Also in: Gambling Insider, iGaming Business, Focus GN
‘The case for masks became hugely stronger': scientists admit their Covid mistakes  The Guardian 5/2/2022 - Professor Allyson Pollock comments on her editorial in The BMJ

JOURNALS

BMJ Global Health

Research: Economic burden of female genital mutilation in 27 high-prevalence countries  (PR)
6th Feb - International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM  MumsNet 03/02/22
Healthcare prices of FGM set to virtually double to annual $US 2.1 billion by 2047  HealthNews Express 01/02/22

UK government bans virginity testing, but has still not apologized for past abuses on immigrants  CNN 04/02/22

BMJ Open

Research: Associations between adverse childhood experiences, attitudes towards COVID-19 restrictions and vaccine hesitancy: a cross-sectional study  (PR)
Covid vaccine hesitancy could be linked to childhood trauma, research finds  The Guardian 1/2/2022
Childhood Trauma Linked To Covid Vaccine Hesitancy, Lockdown Defiance, Study Says  Forbes 1/2/2022
Covid-19 vax hesitancy linked to childhood trauma: Study  Times of India 03/02/22

Fast blood test for cancer could keep 500,000 patients out of hospital

The Sunday Times
6/2/2022

British Journal of Sports Medicine

Research: Exercise prehabilitation during neoadjuvant chemotherapy may enhance tumour regression in oesophageal cancer: results from a prospective non-randomised trial (PR)

Why getting fit could be the answer to beating cancer The Telegraph 2/2/2022
Exercise may boost impact of pre-surgical chemo in patients with food pipe (oesophageal) cancer Scienmag 2/2/2022
Chronic conditions in middle age linked to increased dementia risk study Lokmat Times 3/2/20212


**How the falsehood of athletes dying of coronavirus vaccines spread** The Washington Post 1/2/2022 (editor Jon Drezner quoted)
Also in: Yahoo News, News Navi, The Seattle Times, SF Gate, Chron.com, USA Breaking News, Yahoo Canada News

**Isometric exercise training may be more effective at blood pressure management than high intensity interval training** Physician’s Weekly 2/2/2022
Also in: 2MinuteMedicine

**Multiple Societies Release Consensus Statement for MSK and Sports Medicine Ultrasound**
Applied Radiology 4/2/2022
Also in: Physical Therapy Products, Sports Insight

**Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases**
**PPI use to cause fracture risk in rheumatoid arthritis** Medical Dialogues India 03/02/22

**Placenta may have mechanism that protects fetus from Covid** Inquirer.net 03/02/22

**BMJ Case Reports**
Discover the science behind health advice Houston Chronicle 02/02/22 (Previous PR)
Also in: The Ottawa Herald

Weird Science: Double trouble as eyes hit by Covid Mail on Sunday +Scottish edition 6/2/2022

**Best places to wild swim in Scotland, according to the experts** National Scot 06/02/22
(Previous PR misattrib The BMJ)

**BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine**
**10 Tips for Day and Night Cough Relief** Everyday Health 03/02/22 (Previous PR)

**BMJ Nutrition, Prevention & Health**
**Can Dietary Habits Impact COVID-19 Outcomes?** Medscape 03/02/22 (Previous PR)

**BMJ Quality & Safety**
**Children at Risk of Medication Errors Under New Electronic Systems, Safety Watchdog Warns** Medscape 04/02/22

**BMJ Sexual & Reproductive Health**
**At-home early medical abortions will still be allowed after the pandemic, the government has confirmed** Stylist 03/02/22

**Heartbeat of Toledo Serves Over 1,200 People in 2021** The Daily Press 2/2/2022 (previous External PR)

**British Journal of Ophthalmology**
*Further coverage for retinal age gap and death risk (PR)*
YOUR EYES MAY REVEAL YOUR TRUE BIOLOGICAL AGE DoctorKSA 31/1/2022
Also in: Optician, ORDO News

**Emergency Medicine Journal**
*Further coverage for 5h + emergency care wait and higher death risk (PR)*
Navan A&E under threat again Meath Chronicle 2/2/2022
Also in: the journal.ie, Belfast Telegraph, + extensive Irish media outlets

**Gut**
*Further coverage for gut microbiome may be linked to long Covid risk (PR)*
How gut feeling may hit Covid recovery ET Healthworld 1/2/2022

**Heart**
How to live longer: The bathing habit that could lower your risk of stroke by 26% Latest News Post 6/2/2022 (Previous PR)

**Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer**
Research: Germline biomarkers predict toxicity to anti-PD1/PDL1 checkpoint therapy (External PR)
Scientists identify germline signature that predicts side effects from anti-PD1/PDL1 checkpoint therapy Medically Prime 3/2/2022
Also in: Newszf, Clinical Lab Manager, ScienceDaily, Mirage News Australia, Newswise, Scienmag, Medical Xpress, My Science, 24HTECH, India Education Diary

**Journal of Clinical Pathology**
Preventable deaths at home is the hidden tragedy of the pandemic – this must never happen again MailPlus 03/02/22

**Journal of Medical Ethics**
Confronting the Medical Debate Around After-Birth Abortion World Nation News 03/02/22
Also in: Epoch Times

Praise for move to free online access to research Otago Daily Times 04/02/22 (Editor quoted)
Researchers Undertake Initiative To Examine Remote Robotic Surgery

Blood-Based Markers Can Distinguish Between Neurologic Diseases

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Diet: The Tolerability of High-Caloric Food Supplements

Open Heart

Further coverage for numbers in UK with potentially fatal heart valve disease (PR)
Urgent warning as 300,000 Brits living with stealth disease that could kill within 5 years

New Heart Hive research on the effect of COVID-19 on people with cardiomyopathy

INFLUENCE

Hannah Bardell Shadow SNP Spokesperson mentioned The BMJ in a Westminster Hall debate Cumberlege Report 3/2/2022:

“We do not want the incredible work of Baroness Cumberlege to be another waste of public money, and it is clear that it is not. All her recommendations are so important. An article in The BMJ in 2020 highlighted that the Cumberlege review exposed “stubborn and dangerous flaws in healthcare” and a healthcare system that is “disjointed, siloed, unresponsive, and defensive.”

Baroness Cumberlege mentioned The BMJ in a House of Lords debate on the Health and Care Bill 4/2/2022:

“I have been extremely encouraged that the leading journal for doctors, the British Medical Journal, is in full support. It has written extensively about it. Its editor has spoken expertly on the subject at a meeting of the First Do No Harm All-Party Parliamentary Group.”