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British Journal of Sports Medicine

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INFLUENCE

The BMJ press release coverage

Investigation: Did the FDA break its own rules in approving the antibiotic Recarbrio? +
Commentary: The decline of science at the FDA has become unmanageable (PR)
Investigation raises questions over lack of 'substantial evidence' for FDA approved antibiotic
Medical XPress 15/5/23
Investigation raises questions over lack of “substantial evidence” for FDA approved antibiotic
Scienmag 16/5/23
FDA-Approved Antibiotic: Insufficient Evidence Raises Questions Mirage News Australia 16/5/23
Also in: Chemistry World, Asharq News

Research: Women and non-white people among Lasker Award recipients from 1946 to 2022 + Editorial: Race and gender inequity in awards and recognition (PR)

Despite Calls for Diversity, Lasker Award Winners Remain Overwhelmingly Male, Study Finds GenomeWeb 18/5/23
Women and non-white groups still missing out on top US research prize Scienmag 18/5/23
US Research Prize Eludes Women and Minorities Mirage News Australia 18/5/23
Also in: Medical Xpress

Analysis: Current policies on early detection of prostate cancer create overdiagnosis and inequity with minimal benefit + Feature: Is the UK really ready to roll out prostate cancer screening? (PR)

Prostate blood test 'should be scrapped' Daily Mail 17/5/23
No prostate tests to be offered unless 'you show cancer symptoms' Daily Telegraph 17/5/23

Also in: Times Radio, MSN UK, Medical Xpress, News-Medical.Net, Medscape, Scienmag, Mirage News Australia, Internewscast, DNyuz, MSN Health & Fitness

Further coverage of RSV vaccine investigation (PR)
Horowitz: Never again? The RSV human experimentation shots continue full steam despite known concerns Conservative Angle 15/5/23
Race for RSV shots heats up with maternal vaccine MSN Health & Fitness 17/5/23
FDA advisers vote in favor of new RSV vaccine to protect newborns CNN 19/5/23
Also in: MSN Health & Fitness, ExBulletin

Further coverage for menstrual changes after COVID vaccine (PR)
No increased risk of menstrual changes after Covid vaccination, large study finds Hospital Healthcare Europe 15/5/23

Further coverage for healthcare worker shortages and risk of premature death (PR)
Inequalities in Human Resources for Health Linked to Mortality Drugs.com 15/5/23

Other notable coverage

Don't use sugar substitutes to lose weight, World Health Organization says (ref to 2022 study) The Washington Post 15/5/23 (Previous PR)
Also in: Daily Telegraph, MSN, Healio, Big News Network, Internewscast, Everyday Health
Family doctors say they should stop treating patients based on home blood-testing kit results expressdigest.com 15/5/23 (Previous PR)
Also in: Business Telegraph, Health medicine Network
Scotland’s NHS is facing a retention crisis The Spectator 15/5/23
Plastic bead jab that can ease tennis elbow pain The Irish News 15/5/23
Also in: Irish Daily Mail
Are hi-tech scans that spot even tiny growths causing us more harm than good? ref to 2018 umbrella review (link unavailable) Irish Daily Mail 16/5/23
Also in:
GP practice closures lead to less funding per patient, new study finds Pulse 16/5/23
Six surprising reasons sex helps you live longer Daily Telegraph 17/5/23
Also in: Yahoo UK News, Yahoo Singapore
Women with persistent acne offered hope by cheap drug Sky News 17/5/23
Also in: Pulse, Medical Xpress, My Science (blog), Everyday Health, Yahoo UK News, Mirage News Australia, Technology Networks
'We have no food rules at home; I let my kids eat what they want' The Times 20/5/23
Strike back against the medical empire Pulse 19/5/23
Endometriosis relief helping to close the gender pain gap (ref to breastfeeding mothers and opioids research) The West Australian 20/5/23 (Previous PR)
Older people left to suffer pain of chronic leg wounds without treatment The Mail on Sunday 21/5/23
Also in: Health medicine Network, Internewscast, expressdigest.com
Outrage over BMA and NHS England hosting 'how to move to Australia as a doctor guides' (ref to BMJ Careers advert) expressdigest.com 20/5/23

JOURNALS

Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases

Letter: High frequency of long-term opioid use among patients with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases initiating opioids for the first time (PR)
Up to one in three with rheumatoid arthritis 'at risk of long-term opioid use' The Independent 16/05/23
Patients with rheumatic and musculoskeletal conditions vulnerable to long term opioid use The National Tribune Australia 17/05/23
One in three fibromyalgia and arthritis patients at risk from long-term opioid use Pulse Today 17/05/23


The high-tech skin patch that uses sound to deliver drugs – and could replace tablets entirely Express Digest 16/05/23

Asthma sufferers may be 40% more likely to develop osteoarthritis Daily Mail + Scottish edition 16/05/23 (Previous PR) (print)
Also in: HealthGrades
Here, Exactly, Is How Age of Onset Affects Giant Cell Arteritis MedPage Today 17/05/23

[Lupus & KCR 2023] KCR focuses on younger generation of rheumatologists Korea Herald 19/05/23
British Journal of Sports Medicine

Research: [Leisure-time physical activity and mortality from influenza and pneumonia: a cohort study of 577 909 US adults](PR)

The basic cardio exercises that could cut your risk of dying from flu, [The Daily Telegraph + Sunday Telegraph 16/05/23](PR)

How much you exercise may impact your flu and pneumonia risk, study shows [CNN + CNN International 16/05/23](PR)

Aerobic (“cardio”) exercise linked to significantly lower risk of flu or pneumonia death [ScienMag 17/05/23](PR)


[SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND EXECUTIVES, A “WALKING FOR WELLNESS” INITIATIVE MAY BE JUST THE STARTING POINT NEEDED](Latin Biz Today 15/05/23)

Research: [Injury acknowledgement by reduction of sports load in world-leading athletics (track and field) athletes varies with their musculoskeletal health literacy and the socioeconomic environment](External PR)

Great inequality in international athletics [ScienMag 15/05/23](PR)


Do people who do strength exercises live longer than others? What a recent study says [News Rebeat 16/05/23 (Previous PR)](PR)

Transgender college sports ban passes key vote in Texas House [Houston Chronicle 17/05/23 (Previous PR)](PR)

Joe Rogan highlights Australian study explaining one of the most effective ways to beat depression [Express Digest 18/05/23](PR)

Should you stretch before or after exercise, or both? [Epoch Times 19/05/23](PR)

Saliva concussion test in development for female athletes leverages non-coding RNA [LabPulse 19/05/23](PR)

The Saturday Interview: Hannah Arensman. ‘Losing to a trans cyclist hurt on a million
different levels’ Daily Telegraph 20/05/23 (print) (Previous PR)

**BMJ Case Reports**

Man suffered heart failure after drinking two litres of energy drink a day LadBible 16/05/23 (Previous PR)
Also in: LatestLY

In a rare case, woman diagnosed with black hairy tongue; know the causes, treatment The Indian Express 16/05/23
Also in: CTV News

Meeting Poster Explores New Onset Psychosis in COVID-19 Psychiatric Times 21/05/23 (Previous PR)
Also in: Archyetys

The Paradoxical Overdose of Vitamin D Report Door 21/05/23 (Previous PR)

**BMJ Global Health**

Depleted uranium won’t end a war that has no winners Morning Star 15/05/23 (Previous PR)

More work needed to rid global health of colonisation University World News 18/05/23

**Further coverage for threats posed by AI (PR)**

Artificial Intelligence May Be ‘Threat’ to Human Health, Experts Warn HealthIT Analytics 19/05/23
Also in: Gizmodo Australia

**BMJ Medicine**

Is there an association between long-term plasma caffeine intake and adiposity, type 2 diabetes, and cardiovascular diseases? Healio 18/05/23 (Previous PR)

Research: Changes in medication safety indicators in England throughout the covid-19 pandemic using OpenSAFEly: population based, retrospective cohort study of 57 million patients using federated analytics (External PR)

GP Prescribing Safety Not Affected by Covid in England Mirage News 18/05/23
Also in: My Science, Medical Xpress

**BMJ Open**

Bone Health: 5 Foods That Can Cause Low Mineral Bone Density TheHealthSite 17/05/23 (Previous PR)

Rising rates of induced labor need to be reconsidered in the context of the UK maternity services staffing crisis, study suggests ScienMag 18/05/23

**BMJ Open Gastroenterology**

Study suggests ear acupuncture can help men lose weight UPI 16/05/23
Also in: Talker.News, New York Post, MSN Health & Fitness

**BMJ Open Sport & Exercise Medicine**
**9 Anti-Inflammatory Supplements Backed By Science**  Forbes 16/05/23

**Diabetes in Black Americans: How to Lower Your Risk**  Everyday Health 16/05/23

**Further coverage for gender bias in sports medicine (PR)**  
After decades of neglecting women athletes, sport and exercise medicine is finally catching up  STAT News 18/05/23

**BMJ Supportive & Palliative Care**  
Turns Out Belting Your Favorite Song Isn't Just Fun - It's Legitimately Therapeutic  Women.com 20/05/23

**Also in:** Flipboard

**Emergency Medicine Journal**  
Patient deaths in A&E third higher than before pandemic  Daily Telegraph 20/05/23 (Previous PR)  
**Also in:** Business Telegraph, Yahoo News UK, The Guardian, MSN UK, Evening Standard

**Frontline Gastroenterology**  
How to Treat Strictures From Crohn’s Disease  Everyday Health 18/05/23

**Gut**  
Health experts: “The microbiota slows down aging with pasta and the Mediterranean diet”  Rueyir 16/05/23

**Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health**  
Signs That You’re Having A Midlife Crisis (And What To Do About It)  Women.com 17/05/23

**Muscle fat linked to higher mortality risk, similar to type 2 diabetes risk**  Medical News Today 19/05/23 (Previous PR)

**Journal of Medical Genetics**

Research: [Strategic validation of variants of uncertain significance in ECHS1 genetic testing](#) (External PR)

**Novel high-efficiency assay promises rapid mitochondrial disease diagnosis**  Medical Xpress 19/05/23  
**Also in:** News-Medical, Technology Networks

**Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry**  
How Botox Might Help Multiple Sclerosis Spasticity  HealthCentral 15/05/23 (Previous PR)

**Prion Disease in Human Tears: Functional vs Primary Tics: COVID-19 and the Brain**  MedPage Today 16/05/23

**Cognitive decline after retirement is a universal trend. Here are 4 ways to reverse it**  Fortune 18/05/23 (Previous PR)

**Open Heart**  
Scoliosis linked to increased lifetime risk of major cardiac events  Medical Dialogues India 21/05/23
RMD Open
Mymee’s Personalized Trial & Care Platform Helps Autoimmune Disease Patients Reverse Flares, New Research Shows AP 16/05/23
Also in: Benzinga, Latin Business Today, BioSpace

Tobacco Control

Research: Synthetic nicotine descriptors: awareness and impact on perceptions of e-cigarettes among US youth (External PR)

Youth Misconceptions on Synthetic Nicotine in E-Cigarettes: Study Mirage News 17/05/23
Also in: Medical Xpress, News-Medical

INFLUENCE

Helen Whately Minister of State (Department of Health and Social Care) referenced BMJ Best Practice in a written answer to Tourette's Syndrome: Mental Health Services 15 May 2023:

"NICE’s guideline on suspected neurological conditions covers the initial assessment of symptoms and signs that may indicate a neurological condition and makes recommendations on tics and involuntary movement in children. Best practice guidance on the management of Tourette syndrome is accessible from the British Medical Journal (BMJ) and available at the following link: https://bestpractice.bmj.com/topics/en-gb/1042"

US Senator Bill Cassidy, member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee, has rebuked President Biden’s new Title IX proposed rule that forces schools to allow biological males to compete in women’s sports or risk losing federal funds, citing British Journal of Sports Medicine research on transgender athletes.