

Vaccines and Global Health: The Week in Review 11 May 2024 :: Issue 750 Center for Vaccine Ethics & Policy (CVEP)

This weekly digest targets news, events, announcements, articles and research in the vaccine and global health ethics and policy space and is aggregated from key governmental, NGO, international organization and industry sources, key peer-reviewed journals, and other media channels. This summary proceeds from the broad base of themes and issues monitored by the Center for Vaccine Ethics & Policy in its work: it is not intended to be exhaustive in its coverage.

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Milestones, Perspectives

Pandemic Accord

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Governments agree to continue their steady progress on proposed pandemic agreement ahead of the World Health Assembly

10 May 2024 News release

Governments of the world today agreed to continue working on a proposed pandemic agreement, and to further refine the draft, ahead of the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly that starts 27 May 2024.

Governments meeting at the World Health Organization headquarters in Geneva agreed to resume hybrid and in-person discussions over coming weeks to advance work on **critical issues**, **including around a proposed new global system for pathogen access and benefits sharing (i.e. lifesaving vaccines**, treatments and diagnostics); pandemic prevention and One Health; and the financial coordination needed to scale up countries' capacities to prepare for and respond to pandemics...

INB Bureau Co-Chair Dr Precious Matsoso, from South Africa, said progress had been made during this latest round of discussions on a wide range of issues contained in the draft agreement...

Editor's Note:

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Beyond the announcement above, we did not identify that the <u>Intergovernmental Negotiating Body</u> has provided any details on the status of negotiations on specific outstanding issues and there was no new draft posted, representing the work of the resumed session which ran from April 29 – May 10, 2024.

The <u>posted information on this resumed session</u> notes "The closing plenary session of the INB is open to WHO Member States, Associate Members, Observers and regional economic integration organizations, as well all relevant stakeholders. The session will be publicly webcast and archived for later viewing. Substantive negotiating sessions will be held in closed format." We did not identify any posted content that aligns with this notice.

World Health Assembly – WHO Results Report 2023

WHO Results Report 2023 shows notable health achievements and calls for concerted drive toward Sustainable Development Goals

7 May 2024 News release

[Excerpts]

The World Health Organization (WHO) <u>Results Report 2023</u>, the most comprehensive to date, showcases achievement of key public health milestones, even amid greater global humanitarian health needs driven by conflict, climate change and disease outbreaks.

The report is released ahead of the <u>2024 Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly</u>, which runs 27 May – 1 June 2024. WHO's revised Programme Budget for 2022–2023 was US\$ 6726.1 million, incorporating lessons learned from the pandemic response and addressing emerging health priorities...

Triple billion targets

"The world is off track to reach most of the triple billion targets and the health-related Sustainable Development Goals," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. "However, with concrete and concerted action to accelerate progress, we could still achieve a substantial subset of them. Our goal is to invest even more resources where they matter most—at the country level—while ensuring sustainable and flexible financing to support our mission."

The report shows advancement in several key areas, including healthier populations, universal health coverage (UHC), and health emergencies protection.

Related to healthier populations, the current trajectory indicates the target of 1 billion more people enjoying better health and well-being will likely be met by 2025, driven primarily by improvements in air quality and access to water, sanitation and hygiene measures.

In terms of UHC, 30% of countries are moving ahead in coverage of essential health services and providing financial protection. This is largely due to increased HIV service coverage.

Regarding emergencies protection, though the coverage of vaccinations for high-priority pathogens shows improvement relative to the COVID-19 pandemic-related disruptions in 2020–2021, it has not yet returned to pre-pandemic levels.

The Pandemic Fund's first disbursements totaled US\$ 338 million in 2023, supporting 37 countries with financing to strengthen prevention, preparedness and response capacities.* WHO continues to work with countries and partners to enhance genomic sequencing capabilities and strengthen laboratory and surveillance systems worldwide with capacity increased by 62% for SARS-CoV-2 between February 2021 and December 2023.

Prominent points

The world's first malaria vaccine, RTS,S/AS01, was administered to more than two million children in Ghana, Kenya, and Malawi during the biennium, reducing mortality by 13% among children eligible for vaccination. WHO's prequalification of a second vaccine, R21/Matrix-M, is expected to further boost malaria control efforts.

Elsewhere, 14 countries eliminated at least one neglected tropical disease from 2022–2023. Bangladesh eliminated 2.

The first-ever all-oral treatment regimens for multidrug-resistant tuberculosis were made available in 2022, allowing the highest number of people with tuberculosis to get treatment since monitoring began almost 30 years ago.

Thanks to WHO's REPLACE initiative, which aims to eliminate industrially-produced trans-fatty acids from the food supply, an additional 13 countries implemented best-practice policies, bringing the total to 53 countries.

More than 75% of people living with HIV are receiving antiretroviral therapy, with most achieving viral suppression -- meaning they cannot infect others. WHO's guidance and support have helped countries like Botswana achieve significant progress in controlling HIV transmission.

Tobacco use is declining in 150 countries, 56 of which are on track to achieve the global target for reducing tobacco use by 2025.

An additional 29 countries developed multisectoral national action plans on antimicrobial resistance during the biennium 2022–2023, bringing the total to 178 countries.

Following the Director-General's call to **eliminate cervical cancer**, **another 25 countries have introduced the human papillomavirus vaccine**, **bringing the total to 58** that have introduced the vaccine since WHO launched the initiative in 2020.

The way forward

The report acknowledges significant disparities in health outcomes, disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and that persistent health workforce shortages require investments in education and employment.

Looking ahead, WHO's Programme Budget for 2024–2025 aims to balance investment in the Organization's normative functions with the need to strengthen country offices. It aims to fund 80% of the planned budget of high-priority items, thereby accelerating progress towards meeting the triple billion targets of the GPW 13 (current WHO strategy for the period 2019-2023).

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Featured Journal Content

Science Translational Medicine

Volume 16| Issue 745| 1 May 2024 https://www.science.org/toc/stm/current Viewpoints

Vaccination for healthy aging

BY David E. Bloom, Simone Pecetta, Francesco Berlanda Scorza, Andrea Carfi, Bruce Carleton, Mariateresa Cipriano [...] Rino Rappuoli 01 May 2024

As the world's population grows older, vaccination is becoming a key strategy for promoting healthy aging. Despite scientific progress in adult vaccine development, obstacles such as immunosenescence and vaccine hesitancy remain. To unlock the potential of adult vaccines fully, we must enhance immunization programs, dispel misinformation, and invest in research that deepens our understanding of aging and immunity.

[Excerpt from opening text]

...Here, we set forth a strategy for harnessing the full potential contribution of vaccination to healthy aging. **The strategy has three key, at times overlapping, components**:

- actions that take better advantage of existing knowledge and technologies,
- actions that expand our knowledge base and allow for timely development of new vaccines, and
- actions for efficient and widespread uptake of both existing (e.g., pneumococcal and flu) and new vaccines...

[Excerpt from Conclusion]

...Realizing the full potential benefits of adult vaccines will require a renewed commitment to vaccine development, implementation, and safety monitoring in this age group. **Proper vaccine investment requires a long-term vision in which funds are used today to support a long-term stream of future benefits,** making evaluation and acceptance by governments challenging. The COVID-19 pandemic taught a powerful lesson about the high societal and economic value of vaccination. We need to build on this learning to achieve the vision proposed here.

In conclusion, we envision a golden age in the development of adult vaccines, which will appreciably improve the health, as well as the social and economic well-being, of aging populations.

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Europe: One Health Framework

One Health: a joint framework for action published by five EU agencies 7 May 2024

Today, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA), the European Environment Agency (EEA), the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), and the European Medicines Agency (EMA) published a joint framework for action to strengthen cooperation to support the implementation of the One Health agenda in the European Union (EU).

<u>One Health</u> recognises the complex interplay between human, animal and plant health, food safety, the climate crisis and environmental sustainability. Implementing this approach across different sectors will be key to making the EU and its Member States better equipped to prevent, predict, detect and respond to health threats. It will mitigate the impact and societal cost of such threats, or even prevent their emergence, while also helping to reduce human pressures on the environment and safeguarding key societal needs such as food security and access to clean air and water.

A <u>cross-agency task force</u> will work on implementing the **joint framework for action** over the next three years (2024-2026), focusing on five strategic objectives: strategic coordination, research coordination, capacity building, stakeholder engagement and joint inter-agency activities. This will ensure that the scientific advice provided by the agencies is increasingly integrated, that the evidence base for One Health is strengthened and that the agencies are able to contribute with a common voice to the One Health agenda in the EU.

In November 2023, the five EU agencies that provide scientific advice on the environment, public health and food safety topics issued a <u>joint statement</u> expressing their shared commitment to supporting the One Health agenda in Europe.

On the occasion of the launch of the joint framework for action, the Executive Directors of the five EU Agencies reinforced their commitment to the One Health approach in a joint video statement

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Cross-agency One Health task force framework for action

Scientific and technical publications

7 May 2024

Following the joint statement from the Executive Directors of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA), the European Environment Agency (EEA), the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the European Medicines Agency (EMA) on how to deliver 'Cross-agency knowledge for One Health Action', the Cross-agency One Health task force has prepared this framework for action. The document outlines the common vision and objectives of the task force and lists a set of concrete actions to achieve them.

Executive summary

The vision of the task force is to enable EU agencies to successfully contribute to the implementation of the One Health approach in Europe, thereby making the EU and its Member States better able to prevent and respond to health threats. In order to achieve this vision, the task force aims to work towards **a more permanent and established form of transdisciplinary cooperation** between the EU agencies, upholding the four principles of coordination, collaboration, communication and capacity building.

The task force has identified the following five strategic objectives to guide its work:

- Facilitate strategic coordination in the implementation of the One Health approach
- Promote research coordination and One Health-driven agenda setting
- Enhance capacity building on One Health
- Strengthen One Health communication and stakeholders' engagement
- Support the development of partnerships through joint One Health activities

Figure 1: Strategic objectives of the cross-agency One Health task force framework for action

STRATEGIC COORDINATION

Contribute to the One Health agenda in Europe and strengthening One Health cooperation within and across-agencies. PARTNERSHIPS AND RESEARCH COORDINATION JOINT ACTIVITIES Identify research needs, promote 5 research coordination and support Develop joint activities on One Health ONE HEALTH One Health-driven Research & based on thematic priorities, maximising STRATEGIC Innovation agenda-setting. synergies and avoiding duplication. **OBJECTIVES** 3 COMMUNICATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT Support in-service learning opportunities for staff within the agencies and One Coordinate the agencies' contributions to One Health capacity building activities and Health vis-à-vis relevant stakeholders and training opportunities. develop coordinated communication activities.

Through these strategic objectives, the task force will help to strengthen the scientific evidence base for One Health, ensure that scientific advice and risk assessment are increasingly integrated, support the establishment of intersectoral coordination mechanisms, and build One Health capacities and skills.

The actions will be implemented over a period of three years (2024-2026). It is considered a living document and will be subject to adjustments to reflect progress and take on new challenges and initiatives.

:: <u>Cross-agency One Health task force framework for action</u> - EN - [PDF-790.65 KB]

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U.S. Biotechnology Regulation

EPA, FDA, and USDA Issue Joint Regulatory Plan for Biotechnology

May 08, 2024

... the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) have <u>developed a plan</u> to update, streamline, and clarify their regulations and oversight mechanisms for products of biotechnology...

The plan incorporates processes and timelines to implement regulatory reform, such as identifying guidance and regulations to update, streamline, or clarify, and identifying the potential need for new guidance or regulations. The plan supports a whole-of-government approach to the regulation of biotechnology products.

The agencies have identified five major areas of biotechnology product regulation where these actions will focus:

- 1. Modified plants
- 2. Modified animals
- 3. Modified microorganisms
- 4. Human drugs, biologics, and medical devices
- 5. Cross-cutting issues

EPA, the FDA and USDA intend to implement the following joint efforts:

- clarify and streamline regulatory oversight for genetically engineered (GE) plants, animals and microorganisms;
- update and expand their information sharing through an MOU to improve and broaden communication and coordination of oversight of modified microbes; and
- undertake a pilot project focused on modified microbes to explore and consider the feasibility and costs of developing a web-based tool that informs developers about which agency may regulate a given product category.

... the three regulatory Agencies, in consultation with the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), issued a Request for Information (RFI) to the public to solicit information on regulatory ambiguities, gaps, uncertainties, or inefficiencies in the Coordinated Framework. The agencies received 88 distinct public comments, including a sign-on letter from over 6,000 members from biotechnology developers, producers, manufacturers, nongovernmental organizations, and academia. The Agencies will continue to engage with all interested stakeholders as they implement the plan.

Visit the <u>Unified Website for Biotechnology Regulation</u> for additional information on modernizing the regulatory system for biotechnology products and Executive Order 14081:



The Unified Website for Biotechnology Regulation

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Resources

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Coordinated Framework Documents	
Informational Resources	
Laws, Regulations, and Guidance	

Polio - PHEIC

Polio this week as of 08 May 2024 - GPEI

Headlines

- :: The GPEI is seeking experts to serve in the Advisory Group on Sabin-IPV and Polio VLP Vaccine Development. Here are the terms of reference.
- :: On 4 May, Rotary International presented its Polio Eradication Champion Award to French President Emmanuel Macron in recognition of France's significant role in the global effort to eradicate polio. The ceremony was a feature of the Rotary Day event at UNESCO, centered on education and peace. Read more...

Summary of new polioviruses this week, cases and positive environmental isolates:

- Pakistan: 11 WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Angola: one cVDPV2 case
- Chad: one cVDPV2 case
- Guinea: seven cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
- Mozambique: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample

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New guidance aims to reduce bloodstream infections from catheter use

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region

:: 06 May 2024

African region's first-ever health workforce investment charter launched

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: 10 May 2024

<u>PAHO urges countries in the Southern Hemisphere to prepare for possible increase in respiratory diseases and dengue</u>

Washington, D.C., May 10, 2024 (PAHO) - The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) has issued an epidemiological alert urging countries in the Southern Hemisphere to prepare for a possible simultaneous increase in influenza and other respiratory viruses, and dengue. With the onset of flu season and the persistent circulation of dengue in...

:: 10 May 2024

Caribbean Mosquito Awareness Week 2024: PAHO calls to unite against dengue

Washington, D.C., May 10, 2024 (PAHO)- The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) is calling countries and territories of the Caribbean to join forces during Caribbean Mosquito Awareness Week 2024, which runs from May 6 to 12. The aim of the week is to kick start regional efforts to prevent and control dengue, chikungunya, and...

:: 7 May 2024

Belize, Jamaica and St. Vincent and the Grenadines eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV and Syphilis

Kingston, Jamaica, 7 May 2024 – Belize, Jamaica, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines are the latest countries in the Americas to receive certification from the World Health Organization (WHO) for eliminating the mother-to-child transmission of HIV and syphilis (EMTCT). The milestone was marked today at a commemorative event organized by the...

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

No new digest content identified.

WHO European Region EURO

No new digest content identified.

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

No new digest content identified.

WHO Western Pacific Region

No new digest content identified.

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WHO - Emergency situation reports

Latest WHO official reports for emergency situations. No new digest content identified.

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Disease Outbreak News (DONs)

Latest WHO Disease Outbreak News (DONs), providing information on confirmed acute public health events or potential events of concern.

8 May 2024 | Hepatitis E - Chad

8 May 2024 | Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus-Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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Weekly Epidemiological Record

https://www.who.int/publications/journals/weekly-epidemiological-record

Vol. 99, No. 19, pp. 225-248 10 May 2024

https://iris.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665/376738/WER9919-eng-fre.pdf

:: Malaria vaccines: WHO position paper

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New WHO Publications

https://www.who.int/publications/i

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A global mandate to strengthen emergency, critical and operative care

8 May 2024

Strengthening pandemic preparedness and response through integrated modelling Overview

The far-reaching impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic underscore the critical need for evidence-informed, transparent and inclusive decision-making. Policy-makers have grappled with complex choices amidst uncertainty. With the increasing threat of emerging pandemic-prone pathogens, new

guidance released jointly by the World Health Organization (WHO), Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the World Bank elucidates the role of mathematical modelling – specifically integrated modelling – in addressing these challenges.

8 May 2024

<u>Digital adaptation kit for tuberculosis: operational requirements for implementing WHO recommendations...</u>

6 May 2024

A survey of users on the WHO insecticide susceptibility tube test kit

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A case study on the ecosystem for local production of pharmaceuticals, vaccines and biologicals — The Nigeria Context

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A case study on the ecosystem for local production of pharmaceuticals, vaccines and biologicals – The Bangladesh context

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A case study on the ecosystem for local production of pharmaceuticals, vaccines and biologicals — The Tunisia context

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A case study on the ecosystem for local production of pharmaceuticals, vaccines and biologicals — The Kenya context

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A case study on the ecosystem for local production of pharmaceuticals, vaccines and biologicals – The Pakistan context

5 May 2024

Global report on neglected tropical diseases 2024

Overview

This document is the second in a series of global reports describing progress towards the 2030 targets set in Ending the neglect to attain the Sustainable Development Goals: a road map for neglected tropical diseases 2021–2030. It describes a wide range of activities, accomplishments and challenges across the portfolio of NTDs and across all six WHO regions.

The report presents epidemiological and programmatic data for 2022, which were gathered, compiled and analysed in 2023. In some cases, 2023 data are available and presented; in other cases, less recent information is included, when 2022 data are not available. In addition, it presents the main facts or events that occurred in 2023.

3 May 2024

WHO competency framework, risk communication and community engagement Overview

The risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) competency framework is a resource that details the essential behaviours and activities necessary for effective communication and engagement with communities before, during and after public health emergencies. The purpose of this framework is to establish and promote a common understanding of behavioural competencies and how they should

be applied for high-performing and community-centred health emergency programmes. It is intended to support the development of standardized training programmes, professional development and talent acquisition and to enhance the capabilities of public health professionals involved in RCCE. Its goal is to inform the establishment of a skilled, well-trained RCCE workforce that consistently understands and executes the necessary behaviours and activities required to conduct RCCE activities with competence and professionalism.

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USA - HHS, FDA, CDC

HHS

News

Fact Sheet: USDA, HHS Announce New Actions to Reduce Impact and Spread of H5N1 May 10, 2024 News Release

<u>COVID-19 Vaccination Public Education Campaign Saved Thousands of Lives, Billions of Dollars</u>

May 6, 2024 News Release

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) COVID-19 Vaccination Public Education Campaign, We Can Do This, resulted in an estimated\$731.9 billion in societal benefits due to averted illness and related costs, resulting in a nearly \$90 return in societal benefits for every \$1 spent, according to research published today in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine...*

FDA

Press Announcements

May 8, 2024 - EPA, FDA, and USDA Issue Joint Regulatory Plan for Biotechnology

FDA VRBPAC

Advisory Committee Calendar

<u>Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee May 16, 2024 Meeting Announcement - 05/16/2024</u>

CDC/ACIP [U.S.] [to 11 May 2024]

http://www.cdc.gov/media/index.html

Latest News Releases

Readout of CDC Call with State Public Health Partners Regarding Avian Influenza and Farmworker Protection

May 6, 2024

ACIP Meetings

Next ACIP Meeting
June 26-28

MMWR Weekly

https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/index2023.html

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- <u>Shiga Toxin–Producing Escherichia coli O157:H7 Illness Outbreak Associated with Untreated, Pressurized, Municipal Irrigation Water Utah, 2023</u>
- <u>Notes from the Field: Increases in Imported Malaria Cases Three Southern U.S. Border</u> <u>Jurisdictions, 2023</u>
- Notes from the Field: Potential Outbreak of Extrapulmonary Mycobacterium abscessus subspecies massiliense Infections from Stem Cell Treatment Clinics in Mexico Arizona and Colorado, 2022

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Europe

European Medicines Agency [EMA]

https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/news

News & Press Releases

Meeting highlights from the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) 22-25 April 2024

EMA's human medicines committee (CHMP) recommended eight medicines for approval at its April 2024 meeting.

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One Health: a joint framework for action published by five EU agencies

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European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en

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News

<u>Increase in pertussis cases in EU/EEA: infants under six months of age at the highest risk</u> 8 May 2024

One Health: a joint framework for action published by five EU agencies

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Surveillance report

Influenza virus characterization - Summary Europe, March 2024

8 May 2024

This report contains genetic and antigenic characterization data generated at the Worldwide Influenza Centre for viruses with collection dates after 31 August 2023 until 31 January 2024.

Assessment

Increase of pertussis cases in the EU/EEA

8 May 2024

Pertussis is an endemic disease in the EU/EEA and worldwide. Every three to five years, larger epidemics are expected even with high vaccination coverage.

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Africa CDC [to 11 May 2024]

https://africacdc.org/ Press Releases, Statements [Selected] No new digest content identified.

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China CDC

http://www.chinacdc.cn/en/

National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China [to 11 May 2024]

http://en.nhc.gov.cn/

News

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National Medical Products Administration – PRC [to 11 May 2024]

http://english.nmpa.gov.cn/

News

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China CDC

Weekly Reports: Current Volume (6) 2024-05-10 / No. 19 VACCINE ISSUE

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- <u>Preplanned Studies: Estimated Human Papillomavirus Vaccine Coverage Among Females 9–45</u> Years of Age — China, 2017–2022
- Preplanned Studies: Coverage of the Combined DTaP-IPV/Hib Vaccine Among Children Aged 2–18 Months 9 PLADs, China, 2019–2021
- <u>Preplanned Studies: Comparison of 1 Versus 2 Doses of Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine in 3–8-Year-Old Children with Different Immunological States Jiangsu Province, China, 2021</u>
- <u>Preplanned Studies: Occurrence and Reduction of Hepatitis B Vaccine Hesitancy Among Medical</u> University Students — Shanxi Province, China, 2020

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Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [to 11 May 2024]

https://alleninstitute.org/news-press/

News

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BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 11 May 2024]

https://www.gatesfoundation.org/ideas/media-center

Press Releases & Statements Press release May 06, 2024

Novo Nordisk Foundation, Wellcome, and the Gates Foundation Join Forces to Accelerate Global Health Equity and Impact

Joint partnership will support science to tackle a series of global health challenges and build healthier futures, especially for the world's most vulnerable populations

HELSINGØR, DENMARK (May 6, 2024) – The Novo Nordisk Foundation, Wellcome, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced a new partnership to support critical scientific research and development (R&D) for global health. The partnership is focused on supporting science and innovation to advance solutions that are accessible and affordable to people in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

The three-year initiative was announced at the Novo Nordisk Foundation's Global Science Summit in Denmark, where each organization committed US\$100 million, for a total of US\$300 million. Initial funding will support solutions to address the health impacts of climate change; infectious disease and antimicrobial resistance (AMR); and greater understanding of the interplay between nutrition, immunity, disease, and developmental outcomes...

Bill & Melinda Gates Medical Research Institute [to 11 May 2024]

https://www.gatesmri.org/news

The Bill & Melinda Gates Medical Research Institute is a non-profit biotech organization. Our mission is to develop products to fight malaria, tuberculosis, and diarrheal diseases—three major causes of mortality, poverty, and inequality in developing countries. The world has unprecedented scientific tools at its disposal; now is the time to use them to save the lives of the world's poorest people News: Articles and Publications

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CARB-X [to 11 May 2024]

https://carb-x.org/

News

No new digest content identified.

CEPI – Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations [to 11 May 2024]

http://cepi.net/

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

CIOMS - COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES [to 11

May 2024]

https://cioms.ch/

News; Publications; Events

PUBLIC CONSULTATION OF THE DRAFT SCAR [Severe Cutaneous Adverse Reactions]

REPORT IS NOW OPEN!
Deadline: Friday 7 June 2024

Working Group objectives

To establish a balanced, efficient, global perspective on SCAR detection, susceptibility factors, severity, outcome and probability through causality assessment tools, monitoring and management during the drug development and post-marketing phases.

:: Draft report

:: Comment form

DARPA - Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.] [to 11 May 2024

https://www.darpa.mil/news

News

No new digest content identified.

Duke Global Health Innovation Center [to 11 May 2024]

https://dukeghic.org/

News

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EDCTP [to 11 May 2024]

http://www.edctp.org/

The European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) aims to accelerate the development of new or improved drugs, vaccines, microbicides and diagnostics against HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria as well as other poverty-related and neglected infectious diseases in sub-Saharan Africa, with a focus on phase II and III clinical trials

News

No new digest content identified.

Emory Vaccine Center [to 11 May 2024]

http://www.vaccines.emory.edu/ Vaccine Center News No new digest content identified.

European Vaccine Initiative [to 11 May 2024]

http://www.euvaccine.eu/ Latest News, Events No new digest content identified.

Evidence Aid [to 11 May 2024]

Evidence Aid aims to save lives and livelihoods in disasters by providing decision-makers with the best available evidence and by championing its use.

http://www.evidenceaid.org/

Resources [Selected]

<u>Prevalence of tuberculosis, hepatitis B, and HIV among asylum seekers and refugees in the UK</u>

Added May 10, 2024

Vaccine hesitancy

Added May 5, 2024

Fondation Merieux [to 11 May 2024]

http://www.fondation-merieux.org/ News, Events No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 11 May 2024] https://www.gavi.org/ Press Releases 10 May 2024

Gavi and Government of Lesotho announce resumption of direct funding

GE2P2 Global Foundation [to 11 May 2024]

www.ge2p2.org

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- :: Informed Consent: A Monthly Review March 2024
- :: Public Consultations Watch :: Global Calls for Input/Public Comment 17 April 2024 Issue 16

GHIT Fund [to 11 May 2024]

https://www.ghitfund.org/newsroom/press

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Global Fund [to 11 May 2024]

https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/news/ News & Stories

06 May 2024

Global Fund Hails Launch of Africa Health Workforce Investment Charter

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund), warmly welcomes the launch of the Africa Health Workforce Investment Charter, which was signed today in Windhoek, Namibia, at the Africa Health Workforce Investment Forum.

Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness [GloPID-R] [to 11 May

20241

https://www.glopid-r.org/news/

News

No new digest content identified.

Hilleman Laboratories [to 11 May 2024]

http://www.hilleman-labs.org/

News & Insights

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 11 May 2024]

https://www.hhmi.org/news

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Human Immunome Project [nee Human Vaccines Project] [to 11 May 2024]

http://www.humanvaccinesproject.org/

News

No new digest content identified.

IAVI [to 11 May 2024]

https://www.iavi.org/

News, Features

Features

IAVI's Human Immunology Laboratory relocates samples to Africa, fulfilling capacity strengthening goal

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May 7, 2024

INSERM [to 11 May 2024]

https://www.inserm.fr/en/home/

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities [ICMRA]

http://www.icmra.info/drupal/en/news

Selected Statements, Press Releases, Research

No new digest content identified.

ICH - International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use [to 11 May 2024]

https://www.ich.org/page/press-releases

News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selective]

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 11 May 2024]

https://www.icrc.org/en/whats-new

What's New [Selected]

<u>African Union, ICRC Roundtable Seeks Innovative Tech Solutions for Landmine Clearance</u> in Africa

The roundtable brought together representatives from 8 high-risk African Member States alongside countries with successful demining programs. Operational demining actors such as UNMAS also participated.

09-05-2024 | Article

IFFIm

http://www.iffim.org/ Press Releases/Announcements No new digest content identified.

IFRC [to 11 May 2024]

http://media.ifrc.org/ifrc/news/press-releases/

Press Releases [Selected]

World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day: 8 May is a chance to celebrate and commemorate 07/05/2024 | Press release

Institut Pasteur [to 11 May 2024] https://www.pasteur.fr/en/press-area Press Documents No new digest content identified.

ISC / International Science Council [to 11 May 2024]

https://council.science/current/

ISC is a non-governmental organization with a unique global membership that brings together 40 international scientific Unions and Associations and over 140 national and regional scientific organizations including Academies and Research Councils.

Latest Updates

News

<u>International Science Council Governing Board calls for science and scientists in Africa to be mobilized ahead of 2024 United Nations Summit of the Future</u>

The clear message coming from the International Science Council Governing Board, is that science continues to be underutilized as a pathway to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. 09.05.2024

International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS)

https://iuis.org/

News/Events [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

IVAC [to 11 May 2024]

https://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/ivac/index.html

Updates; Events

No new digest content identified.

IVI [to 11 May 2024]

http://www.ivi.int/

IVI News & Announcements

<u>International Vaccine Institute, Baylor College of Medicine, and Regional Center for Innovation in Vaccines and Biopharmaceuticals AIP exchange an MOU to advance global health research and capability</u>

May 8, 2024

...With the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU), the three organizations aim to strengthen capabilities in the vaccine sciences and the biopharmaceutical research & development industry in Panama and the greater Latin America region...

Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security [to 11 May 2024]

https://centerforhealthsecurity.org/newsroom Center News [Selected] No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 11 May 2024]

http://www.msf.org/

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Gaza-Israel war

Thousands forced to flee as Israeli military offensive intensifies and aid is blocked in Rafah

Press Release 8 May 2024

National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 11 May 2024]

https://nam.edu/programs/

News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

National Academies-Sciences-Engineering-Medicine [NASEM]- USA [to 11 May 2024]

https://www.nationalacademies.org/newsroom?

News

No new digest content identified.

National Vaccine Program Office - U.S. HHS [to 11 May 2024]

https://www.hhs.gov/vaccines/about/index.html

Upcoming Meetings/Latest Updates

NIH [to 11 May 2024] http://www.nih.gov/

New Releases

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

NIH to open long COVID clinical trials to study sleep disturbances, exercise intolerance, and post exertional malaise

Part of the NIH RECOVER Initiative, trials will test four treatments.

Sabin Vaccine Institute [to 11 May 2024]

https://www.sabin.org/press/ Latest News & Press Releases No new digest content identified.

UNAIDS [to 11 May 2024] http://www.unaids.org/en

News, Stories, Updates

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 11 May 2024]

https://www.unicef.org/media/press-releases

Latest press releases, news notes and statements [Selected]

Remarks 10 May 2024

As Rafah needs rise, humanitarian response forced to 'scrape the bottom of the barrel'

GENEVA/RAFAH, Gaza, 10 May 2024 – "Thank you, and greetings from Rafah in Gaza. I have been working on large-scale humanitarian emergencies for the best part of the last 30 years and I've never been involved in a situation as devastating, complex or erratic as this. "When I arrived in Gaza in the middle of November, I was shocked by the severity...

Statement 09 May 2024

<u>Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell on military operations and border closures in Rafah, Gaza</u>

NEW YORK, 9 May 2024 – "The humanitarian response of UNICEF and our partners — and thus the lives of all the children and their families in the Gaza Strip who depend on it — requires fuel. We need fuel to move lifesaving supplies – medicine, treatments for malnutrition, tents and water pipes – as well as staff to reach children and families in...

Press release 07 May 2024

Belize, Jamaica and St. Vincent and the Grenadines eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV and syphilis

Kingston, Jamaica, 7 May 2024 – Belize, Jamaica, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines are the latest countries in the Americas to receive certification from the World Health Organization (WHO) for eliminating the mother-to-child transmission of HIV and syphilis (EMTCT). The milestone was marked today at a commemorative event organized by the Pan...

Unitaid [to 11 May 2024]

https://unitaid.org/ Featured News 06 May 2024

<u>Industry Engagement Forum in Lagos aims to increase health product manufacturing in</u> Africa

The 2024 Industry Engagement Forum, themed "Unlocking Healthcare Value Chains and Driving Investment through Partnerships: Accelerating Equitable Access to Quality-Assured Sustainable Health Products," is set to take place from May 7-9, 2024, in Lagos, Nigeria. More than 300 participants are scheduled to attend the forum, which aims to accelerate equitable access to urgently needed health products through collaborative partnerships, and to facilitate investment opportunities as interventions to expand local pharmaceutical manufacturing.

The forum is co-convened by the African Development Bank (AfDB), the International Finance Corporation (IFC), and the global health organization Unitaid in association with Nigeria's Presidential Initiative on Unlocking Healthcare Value Chains (PVAC). The initiative reflects a strategic move to unlock billions in new investments and reshape Nigeria's and Africa's health care landscape through multifaceted partnerships and substantial financial commitments.

While Africa shoulders 25% of the world's disease burden – including major infectious diseases like HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria – more than 95% of the active pharmaceutical ingredients and 70% of the pharmaceuticals consumed on the continent are imported. This leaves countries vulnerable to price volatility, supply chain disruptions, or unavailability of essential health products, particularly during periods of supply scarcity in the face of surges in regional or global demand or after climate-related shocks or extreme weather events...

Vaccine Equity Cooperative [nee Initiative] [to 11 May 2024]

https://vaccineequitycooperative.org/news/

News

No new digest content identified.

Vaccination Acceptance & Demand Initiative [Sabin) [to 11 May 2024]

https://www.vaccineacceptance.org/ Announcements, Blog No new digest content identified.

Vaccine Confidence Project [to 11 May 2024]

http://www.vaccineconfidence.org/ News, Research and Reports No new digest content identified.

Vaccine Education Center – Children's Hospital of Philadelphia [to 11 May 2024]

http://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center

News

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 11 May 2024]

https://wellcome.org/ News. Opinion, Reports No new digest content identified.

The Wistar Institute [to 11 May 2024] https://www.wistar.org/news/press-releases *Press Releases*No new digest content identified.

World Bank [to 11 May 2024] http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/all All News [Selected] No new digest content identified.

WFPHA: World Federation of Public Health Associations [to 11 May 2024]

https://www.wfpha.org/ Event No new digest content identified.

World Medical Association [WMA] [to 11 May 2024]

https://www.wma.net/news-press/press-releases/ Press Releases No new digest content identified.

World Organisation for Animal Health [to 11 May 2024]

https://www.oie.int/en/ Press Releases, Statements Statements

High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza in Cattle

Published on 5 April 2024 Updated on 8 May 2024

The ongoing spread of High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (HPAI) in different regions of the world, alongside the recent detections of cases in cattle, is raising concerns within the international community.

While HPAI primarily affects poultry and wild birds, avian influenza can occasionally be transmitted to mammals, including humans. In the last two years, an increasing number of H5N1 avian influenza cases are being reported in terrestrial and aquatic mammalians animals.

The recently <u>reported detections of HPAI</u> in dairy <u>cattle in the United States of America</u>, have raised international concerns. Infected cattle may be asymptomatic or with mild illness showing non-specific clinical signs such as decreased milk production, thicker-colostrum-like milk, reduced appetite, lethargy, fever and dehydration. These infections in cattle could indicate an increased risk of H5N1 viruses becoming better adapted to mammals, and potentially spilling over to humans and other livestock...

WOAH calls on its Members to:

- :: Maintain enhanced avian influenza SURVEILLANCE in domestic and wild birds.
- :: INCLUDE HPAI as a differential diagnosis, in non-avian species, including cattle and other livestock populations, with high risk of exposure to HPAI viruses, in particular:
 - . Animals showing clinical signs compatible with avian influenza;
 - . Sick or dead domestic animals near affected premises;
 - . Suspected, including apparently healthy animals, that have been exposed to or epidemiologically linked to suspected or confirmed HPAI in birds or cattle (i.e. situated in HPAI high-risk areas or in areas where avian influenza has been confirmed).
- :: REPORT cases of HPAI in all animal species, including unusual hosts, to WOAH through its <u>World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS)</u>
 - . Genetic sequences of avian influenza viruses should be shared in publicly available databases.
- :: CONSIDER poultry vaccination as complementary avian influenza control measure;
- :: PREVENT the introduction and spread of the disease by implementing strict biosecurity measures in livestock holdings, in particular in milking parlour and
- :: EMPLOY good production and hygiene practices
 - when handling animal products. Raw milk or raw milk products from HPAI infected cows or exposed to those infected with HPAI should not be used to feed animals or for human consumption.
- :: PROTECT humans in close contact with or handling sick cattle or other sick livestock and their products. Exposed humans should always take precautionary measures to avoid getting infected and minimize the risk to mechanically carry the virus that could infect livestock or companion animals. This should include wearing personal protective equipment, avoiding visiting other livestock premises after the exposure and implementing standard food safety measures when handling animal products from exposed livestock.
- :: AVOID implementing unjustified trade restrictions. Import risk management measures should be scientifically justified and in line with the WOAH International Standards.

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ARM [Alliance for Regenerative Medicine] [to 11 May 2024]

https://alliancerm.org/press-releases/ Selected Press Releases No new digest content identified.

BIO [to 11 May 2024]

https://www.bio.org/press-releases

Press Releases

BIO Statement on EPA/FDA/USDA Release of Plans for Reforming Regulation of Animal, Microbial and Plant Biotechnology

May 8, 2024

"BIO is pleased to see today's report released by EPA, FDA and USDA outlining the joint plan for regulatory reform under the Coordinated Framework for Regulation of Biotechnology to support and sustain biotech innovation and continue growing the U.S. bioeconomy...

DCVMN – Developing Country Vaccine Manufacturers Network [to 11 May 2024]

http://www.dcvmn.org/
News; Upcoming events

ICBA – International Council of Biotechnology Associations [to 11 May 2024]

https://internationalbiotech.org/news/

News

Website not responding at inquiry.

IFPMA [to 11 May 2024]

https://ifpma.org/

News

No new digest announcements identified.

International Alliance of Patients' Organizations – IAPO [to 11 May 2024]

https://www.iapo.org.uk/news Press and media [Selected]

No new digest announcements identified.

International Generic and Biosimilar Medicines Association [IGBA]

https://www.igbamedicines.org/

News

No new digest announcements identified.

PhRMA [to 11 May 2024]

http://www.phrma.org/

Press Releases

No new digest announcements identified.

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Vaccines/Therapeutics/Medicines - Selected Developer/Manufacturer Announcements

AstraZeneca

Press Releases

BBC - AstraZeneca to withdraw Covid vaccine

By James Gallagher, Health and science correspondent

After more than three billion doses, the Oxford-AstraZeneca Covid vaccine is being withdrawn. AstraZeneca said it was "incredibly proud" of the vaccine, but it had made a commercial decision. It said the rise of new coronavirus variants meant demand had shifted to the newer updated vaccines...

Bharat Biotech

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

BioCubaFarma - Cuba

Últimas Noticias - No new digest announcements identified

Biological E

<u>News</u> - No new digest announcements identified

BioNTech

<u>Press Releases</u> - No new digest announcements identified.

Boehringer

Press Releases

Walgreens and Boehringer Ingelheim Are Partnering to Improve Diversity in Clinical Trials

Joint collaborations bring Boehringer Ingelheim's Phase III clinical trial to communities through Walgreens pharmacy clinical trial centers and EmVenio's mobile research units, aimed at improving access to trials

May 2, 2024

CanSinoBIO

News - Website not responding at inquiry

CIGB

Latest News - No new digest announcements identified.

Cinnagen

Recent News - No new digest announcements identified.

Clover Biopharmaceuticals – China

News - No new digest announcements identified.

Curevac [Bayer Ag – Germany]

News - No new digest announcements identified.

Gamaleya National Center/Sputnik

<u>Latest News and Events</u> - No new digest announcements identified [Last: 09 Nov 2020] <u>https://sputnikvaccine.com/</u> - No new digest announcements identified [Last: 31 Aug 2022]

GSK

<u>Press releases for media</u> - No new digest announcements identified.

EuBiologics, S Korea

News - No new digest announcements identified.

IMBCAMS, China

<u>Home</u> - Website not responding at inquiry.

Janssen/JNJ

<u>Press Releases</u> - No new digest announcements identified.

Merck

News releases

May 08, 2024

<u>Merck Expands Access to High-Quality Maternal Care for More Than 30 Million Women</u> Worldwide Through Merck for Mothers

Moderna

Press Releases

Moderna Announces Update on Investigational RSV Vaccine

CAMBRIDGE, MA / ACCESSWIRE / May 10, 2024 / Moderna, Inc. (NASDAQ:MRNA) today announced it has been notified by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that due to administrative constraints, the agency does not expect to complete its review of the Biologics License Application (BLA) for mRNA-1345, Moderna's investigational respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine, by the previously communicated Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA) date of May 12, 2024. The FDA has informed Moderna that it is working to conclude the review by the end of May 2024.

The FDA has not informed Moderna of any issues related to vaccine safety, efficacy or quality that would prevent the approval of mRNA-1345.

Moderna remains on track for mRNA-1345 to be reviewed at the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) June 26-27, 2024, meeting, which is necessary prior to commercial launch.

"Moderna is very grateful to the FDA for their continued efforts and diligence," said Stephen Hoge, M.D., President of Moderna. "We look forward to helping the agency complete the review of our application, and to the June ACIP meeting."...

Nanogen

News - No new digest announcements identified

Novartis

<u>News</u> - No new digest announcements identified.

Novavax

Press Releases
May 10, 2024

Novavax and Sanofi Announce Co-exclusive Licensing Agreement to Co-commercialize COVID-19 Vaccine and Develop Novel COVID-19-Influenza Combination Vaccines

- Agreement provides individuals with broader access to a protein-based non-mRNA adjuvanted COVID-19 vaccine through combined commercial strength, from 2025 onwards
- Provides Novavax with cash and an equity investment totalling approximately \$1.2 billion (upfront payment of \$500 million and up to \$700 million in additional development, regulatory and launch milestones), plus tiered royalties
- Novavax is entitled to additional launch and sales milestone opportunities of up to \$200 million, plus mid-single digit royalties, for each additional Sanofi vaccine product developed under a nonexclusive license with Novavax's Matrix-M™ adjuvant technology
- Accelerates potential for development of a novel COVID-19-Influenza combination product based on authorized vaccines with demonstrated efficacy and tolerability, potentially offering individuals enhanced convenience and protection

Pfizer

Recent Press Releases

Pfizer Announces New Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer

Monday, May 06, 2024 -

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Pfizer Inc. (NYSE: PFE) today announced that Andrew Baum, M.D., will join the company as Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer, Executive Vice President. Dr. Baum will

be a member of Pfizer's Executive Leadership Team reporting to Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Albert Bourla. He joins Pfizer from Citi, where he served as Head of Global Healthcare, Managing Director Equity Research...

R-Pharm

https://rpharm-us.com/index.php
[No news or media page identified]

Sanofi Pasteur

Press Releases
May 10, 2024

<u>Press Release: Sanofi and Novavax announce co-exclusive licensing agreement to co-commercialize COVID-19 vaccine and develop novel flu-COVID-19 combination vaccines</u>

Serum Institute of India

<u>NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> - No new digest announcements identified

Sinopharm/WIBPBIBP

News - No new digest announcements identified

Sinovac

<u>Press Releases</u> - No new digest announcements identified

SK Biosciences

<u>Press Releases</u> - No new digest announcements identified.

Takeda

<u>Newsroom</u> - No new digest announcements identified.

Valneva

Press Releases

<u>Valneva Reports First Quarter 2024 Financial Results and Provides Corporate Updates</u> May 7, 2024

...Strong R&D execution

- Single-shot chikungunya vaccine IXCHIQ® recommended by ACIP and adopted by U.S. CDC[3]; Regulatory processes with the European, Canadian and Brazilian authorities on track;
- Six-month data for Phase 3 adolescent study of IXCHIQ® to be reported shortly and label extensions to be submitted based on results; Enrolment of children for pediatric Phase 2 study on track;
- Primary vaccinations for all participants in the VALOR Lyme disease Phase 3 trial expected to be completed in Q2;
- Phase 1 clinical trial for second-generation Zika vaccine candidate initiated[4].

Vector State Research Centre of Viralogy and Biotechnology

<u>Home</u> - Website not responding [404 error]

WestVac Biopharma

Media - No new digest announcements identified.

Zhifei Longcom, China

[Anhui Zhifei Longcom Biologic Pharmacy Co., Ltd.] <u>Website</u> [No News/Announcements page identified]

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Journal Watch

Vaccines and Global Health: The Week in Review continues its weekly scanning of key peer-reviewed journals to identify and cite articles, commentary and editorials, books reviews and other content supporting our focus on vaccine ethics and policy. Journal Watch is not intended to be exhaustive, but indicative of themes and issues the Center is actively tracking. We selectively provide full text of some editorial and comment articles that are specifically relevant to our work. Successful access to some of the links provided may require subscription or other access arrangement unique to the publisher.

If you would like to suggest other journal titles to include in this service, please contact David Curry at: david.r.curry@centerforvaccineethicsandpolicy.org

AJOB Empirical Bioethics

Volume 15, 2023 Issue 1 https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/uabr21/current [Reviewed earlier]

AMA Journal of Ethics

Volume 26, Number 5: E361-433 May 2024 https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/antimicrobial-resistance

Antimicrobial Resistance

Microbes include bacteria, parasites, viruses, and fungi that constantly evolve. Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) happens when microbes change, becoming harder to treat in individual human and nonhuman animals and plants with antibiotic, antiparasitic, antiviral, and antifungal agents. Resistant pathogens are easily transmissible across human and nonhuman ecology, and this theme issue attends to ethical, clinical, and policy dimensions of this set of problems. National and international burden of AMR has been assessed in terms of infection incidence, deaths, hospital length of stay, and location-specific costs of developing and applying specific pathogen-drug combinations to try to save lives and preserve food supplies. Routine and focused surveillance is key to understanding microbiological, individual, social, and ecological root causes, downstream effects, and sources of domestic and global inequity in AMR.

American Journal of Human Genetics

May 02, 2024 Volume 111 Issue 5 p807-996

https://www.cell.com/ajhg/current

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Infection Control

May 2024 Volume 52 Issue 5 p501-624 http://www.ajicjournal.org/current [Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

May 2024 Volume 66 Issue 5 p751-926 https://www.ajpmonline.org/current [Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

May 2024 114(5) http://ajph.aphapublications.org/toc/ajph/current [Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 110 (2024): Issue 5 (May 2024) https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/110/4/tpmd.110.issue-5.xml [Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

April 2024 Volume 177, Issue 4 https://www.acpjournals.org/toc/aim/current [Reviewed earlier]

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal

Volume 330 May 2024 https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/330/suppl/C [Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

http://resource-allocation.biomedcentral.com/ (Accessed 11 May 2024) [No new digest content identified]

BMC Health Services Research

http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmchealthservres/content (Accessed 11 May 2024)
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Infectious Diseases

http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcinfectdis/content (Accessed 11 May 2024) [No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmedethics/content (Accessed 11 May 2024) [No new digest content identified]

BMC Medicine

http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmed/content (Accessed 11 May 2024) [No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcpregnancychildbirth/content (Accessed 11 May 2024) [No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles (Accessed 11 May 2024)

SARS-CoV-2 vaccine breakthrough infection and the evaluation of safety precaution practice before and after vaccination among healthcare workers in South West, Nigeria Worldwide, it has been reported that fully vaccinated people still die of COVID-19-associated symptoms, generating public uncertainty about the safety and effectiveness of the vaccines. Hence,

this research is...

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Motunrayo Raji, Faith Titilayo Oluranti and Demian Ibina

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BMC Research Notes

http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcresnotes/content (Accessed 11 May 2024) [No new digest content identified]

BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine

April 2024 - Volume 29 - 2 https://ebm.bmj.com/content/29/2 [Reviewed earlier]

BMJ Global Health

April 2024 - Volume 9 - Suppl 1 https://gh.bmj.com/content/9/Suppl 1 Social determinants of health equity [Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists

March 2024 https://thebulletin.org/magazine/2024-03/ [Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 102(5); 2024 May 1 https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/issues/461078/ [Reviewed earlier]

Cell

Apr 25, 2024 Volume 187 Issue 9 p2029-2342 https://www.cell.com/cell/current

50th Anniversary
[Reviewed earlier]

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 50, Issue 3 May 2024 https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13652214/current [Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics

Volume 115, Issue 5 Pages: 907-1175 May 2024 https://ascpt.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/15326535/current [Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Therapeutics

March 2024 Volume 46 Issue 3 p185-304 http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/current [Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Trials

Volume 21 Issue 2, April 2024 https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/21/2 [Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

http://www.conflictandhealth.com/ [Accessed 11 May 2024] [No new digest content identified]

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 138 March 2024 https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/1387/suppl/C [Reviewed earlier]

The CRISPR Journal

Volume 7, Issue 2 / April 2024 https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/7/2 [Reviewed earlier]

Current Genetic Medicine Reports

Volume 11, Issue 3-4 December 2023 https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/volumes-and-issues/11-3 [Reviewed earlier]

Current Medical Research and Opinion

Volume 40, Issue 3 2024 https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/icmo20/current [Reviewed earlier]

Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

June 2024 - Volume 37 - Issue 3 https://journals.lww.com/co-infectiousdiseases/pages/currenttoc.aspx [Reviewed earlier]

Current Protocols in Human Genetics

https://currentprotocols.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/19348258 [Accessed 11 May 2024] [No new digest content identified]

Developing World Bioethics

Volume 24, Issue 2 Pages: 49-134 June 2024 https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14718847/current [Reviewed earlier]

Development in Practice

Volume 34, Issue 2, 2024 https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cdip20/34/2 [Reviewed earlier]

Development Policy Review

Volume 42, Issue 3 May 2024 https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677679/current [Reviewed earlier]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 18 - 2024

https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/disaster-medicine-and-public-health-preparedness/latest-issue

[Reviewed earlier]

Disasters

Volume 48, Issue 2 April 2024 https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/2024/48/2 [Reviewed earlier]

EMBO Reports

Volume 25 Issue 4 12 April 2024 https://www.embopress.org/toc/14693178/current [Reviewed earlier]

Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 30, Number 4—April 2024 http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/ [Reviewed earlier]

Epidemics

Volume 46 March 2024 https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/46/suppl/C [Reviewed earlier]

Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 152 - 2024 https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/epidemiology-and-infection/latest-issue [Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & Human Research

Volume 46, Issue 2 Pages: 1-35 March—April 2024 https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/25782363/current

Indigenous data sovereignty :: Returning clinically relevant results

[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & International Affairs

Volume 37 - Issue 4 - Winter 2023 https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/ethics-and-international-affairs/latest-issue [Reviewed earlier]

Ethics, Medicine and Public Health

Volume 31 (December 2023) https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/ethics-medicine-and-public-health/vol/31/suppl/C [Reviewed earlier]

The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 34, Issue 2, April 2024 https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/34/2 [Reviewed earlier]

Expert Review of Vaccines

Vol 23 (1) 2023 https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/ierv20/current [Reviewed earlier]

Foreign Affairs

March/April 2024 Volume 103, Number 2 https://www.foreignaffairs.com/issues/2023/103/2 [Reviewed earlier]

Forum for Development Studies

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Measles and rubella vaccine microneedle patch: new hope to reach the unreached children Rebecca M Coulborn, Corinne Danet, Alain Alsalhani

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Abstract

Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and Global Health Security (GHS) are two high-priority global health agendas that seek to foster health system resilience against health emergencies. Many countries have had to prioritize one agenda over the other due to scarce resources and political pressures. To aid policymakers' decision-making, this study investigated the individual and synergistic effects of countries' UHC and GHS capacities in safeguarding essential health service delivery during the COVID-19 pandemic. We used a quasi-experimental difference-in-difference methodology to quantify the relationship between 192 countries' progress towards UHC and GHS and those countries' abilities to provide 12 essential childhood immunization services between 2015 and 2021. We used the 2019 UHC Service Coverage Index (SCI) to divide countries into a "high UHC group" (UHC SCI≥75) and the rest (UHC SCI 75), and similarly used the 2019 GHS Index (GHSI) to divide countries into a "high GHS group" (GHSI≥65) and the rest (GHSI<65). All analyses were adjusted for potential confounders. Countries with high UHC scores prevented a 1.14% (95% CI: 0.39%, 1.90%) reduction in immunization coverage across 2020 and 2021 whereas countries with high GHSI scores prevented a 1.10% (95% CI: 0.57%, 1.63%) reduction in immunization coverage over the same time period. The stratified DiD models showed that across both years, high UHC capacity needed to be augmented with high GHS capacity to prevent a decline in immunization coverage while high GHS alone was able to safeguard immunization coverage. This study found that greater progress towards both UHC and GHS capacities safeguarded essential health service delivery during the pandemic but only progress towards GHS capacity was both a necessary and likely sufficient element for yielding this protective effect. Our results call for strategic investments into both health agendas and future research into possible synergistic effects of the two health agendas.

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Assessing DxGPT: Diagnosing Rare Diseases with Various Large Language Models

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Diagnosing rare diseases is a significant challenge in healthcare, with patients often experiencing long delays and misdiagnoses. The large number of rare diseases and the difficulty for doctors to be familiar with all of them contribute to this problem. Artificial intelligence, particularly large language models (LLMs), has shown promise in improving the diagnostic process by leveraging their extensive knowledge to help doctors navigate the complexities of diagnosing rare diseases. Foundation 29 presents a comprehensive evaluation of DxGPT, a web-based platform designed to assist healthcare professionals in the diagnostic process for rare diseases. The platform currently utilizes GPT-4, but this study also compares its performance with other large language models, including Claude 3, Gemini 1.5 Pro, Llama, Mistral, Mixtral, and Cohere Command R+. It is crucial to emphasize that DxGPT is not a medical device but rather a decision support tool that aims to aid in clinical reasoning. This study extends beyond initial synthetic patient cases, incorporating real-world data from the RAMEDIS and Peking Union Medical College Hospital (PUMCH) datasets. The analysis followed two main metrics: Strict Accuracy (P1), how often the first diagnostic suggestion agreed with the real diagnosis, and Top-5 Accuracy (P1 + P5), how often the right diagnosis was in the top five suggestions. The results show a complex picture of diagnostic accuracy, with performance varying significantly across models and datasets: - On the synthetic dataset, closed models like GPT-4, Claude, and Gemini exhibited relatively high accuracy. Open models like Llama 3 and Mixtral performed reasonably well, though lagging behind. - On the RAMEDIS rare disease cases, Claude 3 Opus model demonstrated 55% Strict Accuracy and 70% Top-5 Accuracy, outperforming other closed models. Open models like Llama 3 and Mixtral showed moderate accuracy. - The PUMCH dataset proved challenging for all models, with the highest Strict Accuracy at 59.46% (GPT-4 Turbo 1106) and Top-5 Accuracy at 64.86%. These findings demonstrate the potential of DxGPT and LLMs in improving diagnostic methods for rare diseases. However, they also emphasize the need for further validation, particularly in real-world clinical settings, and comparison with human expert diagnoses. Successful integration of AI into medical diagnostics will require collaboration between researchers, clinicians, and regulatory bodies to ensure safety, efficacy, and ethical deployment.

<u>The Peruvian Genome Project: expanding the global pool of genome diversity from South America</u>

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The process of inhabiting the Americas by ancestral native American populations involved many individuals settling in the Peruvian Andes and Amazonian regions. Due to Latin American countries representing less than 1% of the human genome data available in public reference databases, the evolution and migration processes involved in adapting to this unique geography have not yet been fully explained. The Peruvian Genome Project is an initiative first of its kind, started in 2011, to address the underrepresentation of genomic data from native South American populations. This project has collected to date 1,149 samples from 17 traditional native and 13 mestizo (mixed of native, African, and European ancestry) communities. Currently, 150 whole genomes and 873 array-genotyped individuals have been sequenced from across the geography of Western South America, including coastal, Andes, and Amazonian regions. We discovered 1.6 million novel genetic variants with varying frequencies, indicative of local environmental adaptations and population drift. These novel variants allow us to infer local evolutionary traits and population-specific allele frequencies for people living at different altitudes, as well as varying adaptations to pathogens and living conditions. The Peruvian Genome Project is the result of more than a decade of work in sample selection, logistics, and approved regulatory community engagement, designed to enhance the human genome pool of diversity of native Americans. The data collected here enable the targeted characterization of endemic diseases, trait adaptations, and new variants of clinical significance in South America. The Peruvian Genome Project represents a step forward in international and multidisciplinary efforts to make precision medicine more inclusive and accessible for underrepresented communities in Latin America, offering significant potential for drug development and diagnostics in a neglected continent.

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Background

Efforts to estimate the global burden of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) have highlighted gaps in existing surveillance systems. Data gathered from hospital networks globally by pharmaceutical industries to monitor antibiotic efficacy in different bacteria represent an additional source to track the temporal evolution of AMR. Here, we analysed available industry monitoring systems to assess to which extent combining them could help fill the gaps in our current understanding of AMR levels and trends.

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