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## Online First:

[Corrections] Correction to Lancet Infect Dis 2020; published online March 25. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S1473-3099\(21\)00151-1](https://doi.org/10.1016/S1473-3099(21)00151-1)

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Maharaj AS, Parker J, Hopkins JP, et al. The effect of seasonal respiratory virus transmission on syndromic surveillance for COVID-19 in Ontario, Canada. *Lancet Infect Dis* 2021; published online March 25. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S1473-3099\(21\)00151-1](https://doi.org/10.1016/S1473-3099(21)00151-1)—This Comment had incorrect copyright information. This correction has been made to the online version as of March 31, 2021, and will be made to the printed version.

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[Comment] The interplay between COVID-19 restrictions and vaccination

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An intervention is only as effective as the extent to which people are willing to adopt recommended measures. One obstacle to the success of COVID-19 interventions, especially in the USA, has been the politicisation of control measures, including the adoption of masks and physical distancing. Interplay between acceptance of non-pharmaceutical interventions and vaccination shapes local transmission dynamics. Despite the importance of human

behaviour to the epidemiological trajectory, the integration of these interdependent factors into COVID-19 vaccination models has rarely been done.

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### [Articles] Prioritising COVID-19 vaccination in changing social and epidemiological landscapes: a mathematical modelling study

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The most effective vaccination strategy for reducing mortality due to COVID-19 depends on the time course of the pandemic in the population. For later vaccination start dates, use of SARS-CoV-2 vaccines to interrupt transmission might prevent more deaths than prioritising vulnerable age groups.

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### [Correspondence] Post-disruption catch-up of child immunisation and health-care services in Bangladesh

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The COVID-19 pandemic has affected child immunisation service delivery and use across the globe.<sup>1–4</sup> Amid overwhelming reports of disrupted immunisation services during the early pandemic months, the Correspondence by Anna A Jarchow-MacDonald and colleagues<sup>5</sup> drew our interest. The authors reported on stable child immunisation services in the Lothian area of Scotland during the lockdown period and described attributable adaptations and strategies.

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### [Comment] Moxidectin: an ally to ivermectin for treating *Strongyloides stercoralis*?

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*Strongyloides stercoralis* infection has long been neglected by the scientific community, despite the threat it poses to the individual and collective health.<sup>1</sup> In 2020, WHO included this infection in its public health targets for 2030,<sup>2</sup> pointing out that control measures for strongyloidiasis are of paramount importance in endemic countries. This target might necessitate the massive use of ivermectin, the only drug, effective in a single dose, that can contribute to decisively decreasing the prevalence of this deadly parasite.

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### [Articles] Efficacy and safety of ascending doses of moxidectin against *Strongyloides stercoralis* infections in adults: a randomised, parallel-group,

single-blinded, placebo-controlled, dose-ranging, phase 2a trial

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4–12 mg of moxidectin showed promising tolerability and efficacy profiles in the treatment of *S stercoralis* infections in adults. Because 8 mg of moxidectin is used for the treatment of onchocerciasis and has been evaluated for other helminth infections, we recommend this dose for phase 2b and phase 3 trials of strongyloidiasis therapy.

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[\[Spotlight\] I won't let cystic fibrosis stop me from living my best life](#)

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In the year 2000, at 2 years old, I started showing symptoms of cystic fibrosis (CF); I initially had a heel prick test, but I was not

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diagnosed with CF until I had a blood test. The day I was diagnosed, my parents decided that I would have all the treatments I needed to keep me well, and they were determined that I would have a normal life and that CF would not define me.

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## [Comment] Challenges and opportunities to end tuberculosis in the COVID-19 era

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On World Tuberculosis Day, 2020, we warned of the impending impact of COVID-19 on the tuberculosis pandemic. We also made a plea that the world must not forget tuberculosis while it focused on COVID-19.<sup>1</sup>

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## [Comment] REPLACE and the role of riociguat in pulmonary arterial hypertension therapy

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Following completion of the randomised placebo-controlled study of riociguat for the treatment of inoperable or residual chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension,<sup>1</sup> riociguat became the only vasodilator therapy approved by the US Food and Drug Administration to treat this difficult disease, and accordingly plays a substantive role in therapy for those with WHO Group 4 pulmonary hypertension. On the basis of the robust results of the Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension Soluble Guanylate Cyclase-Stimulator Trial 1 (PATENT-1) study,<sup>2</sup> in which 194 (44%) of 443 participants were on background therapy with an endothelin receptor antagonist, riociguat also received approval for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH).

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## [Articles] Switching to riociguat versus maintenance therapy with phosphodiesterase-5 inhibitors in patients with pulmonary arterial hypertension (REPLACE): a multicentre, open-label, randomised controlled trial

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Switching to riociguat from PDE5i treatment, both of which act via the nitric oxide–soluble guanylate cyclase–cyclic guanosine monophosphate pathway, could be a strategic option for treatment escalation in patients with PAH at intermediate risk of 1-year mortality.

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