

In editorials, Krisantha Weerasuriya et al. (878) call for a globally coordinated effort to contain antimicrobial resistance; Joshua A Salomon (879) explains new methods for estimating the impact that different types of disability have on healthy lives; and Roy Widdus (880) discusses global shifts in vaccine innovation.

In the news, Weiyuan Cui (881–882) reports on the burden carried by infertile women in some countries. In an interview, Yadira Roggeveen (885–886) talks about how the Maasai people in the United Republic of Tanzania deal with infertility.

Africa

Male circumcision: more research needed

Andrea Wilcken et al. (907–914) review research on complications of traditional male circumcision.

Many more workers needed to treat HIV

Till Bärnighausen et al. (951–952) estimate a massive future demand for health workers to provide antiretroviral coverage.

Changing disease patterns

D Maher et al. (943–948) suggest ways that primary care can help curb increasing rates of noncommunicable disease.

Sierra Leone

Grand plan, but who will pay?

In a news story, Felicity Thompson (883–884) reports on the success and challenges of a new scheme that provides free health care for mothers and children.

Uganda

Surgical standards not up to scratch

Isabeau A Walker et al. (897–906) find an urgent need for facilities and training to improve paediatric surgery rates and outcomes.

Mongolia

Too many antibiotics

Ganchimeg Togoobaatar et al. (930–936) find that many parents give their children antibiotics without a prescription.

China

Using the Internet to fight tuberculosis

Lixia Wang et al. (937–942) show how an online system is helping hospitals and clinics to meet tuberculosis control targets.

Is acupuncture risky?

Junhua Zhang et al. (915–921) study adverse events related to acupuncture.

Are mobile phone base stations making us sick?

Martin Rössli et al. (887–896) review global research on the health effects of exposure to mobile phone base stations.

Limit antibiotic use for prophylaxis

Anna Coutsooudis et al. (949–950) call for a rethink on using cotrimoxazole in HIV-negative infants.

More harm than good

Lisa Bero et al. (922–929) find that many drug donations cause problems in recipient countries.