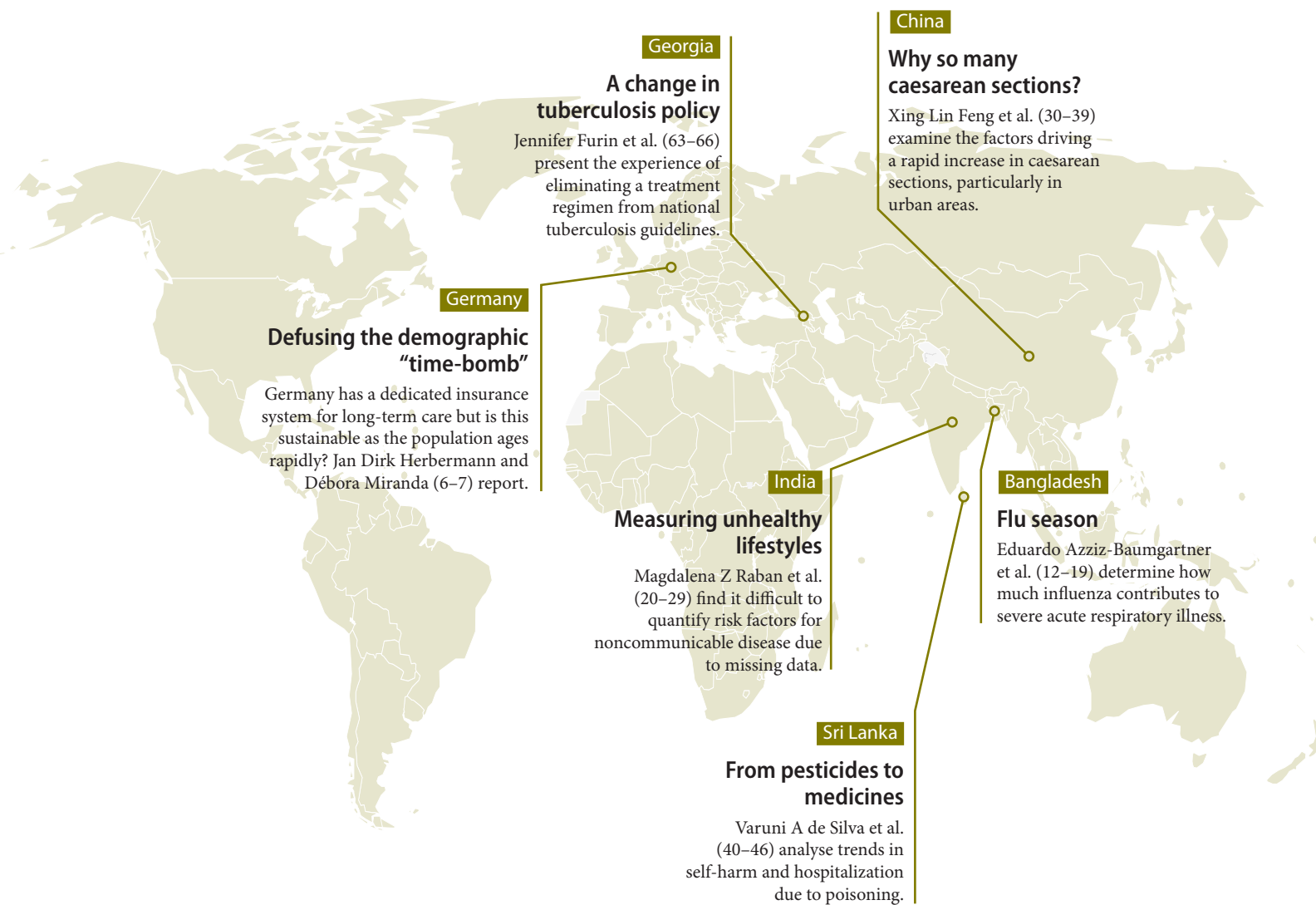


In editorials, Bayard Roberts et al. (2) draw attention to the increased risks of noncommunicable diseases in post-conflict countries, and Njoki Ng'ang'a & Mary Woods Byrne (3) call for more efforts to professionalize nursing in developing countries. Jack Serle & Fiona Fleck (8–9) report on a campaign to improve the safety of health workers in war zones. In an interview, Samer Jabbour (10–11) discusses how the recent revolutions in the Arab world are changing the public health landscape.



No care for mental health

Antonio Lora et al. (47–54) find that two-thirds of people with schizophrenic disorders in low- and middle-income countries have no access to mental health services.

Salt and iodine: a fine balance

Norm Campbell et al. (73–74) discuss the need to coordinate salt reduction and iodine supplementation programmes.

Alcohol industry funding for health?

In a Round table discussion, Richard Matzopoulos et al. (67–69) show concern about funding the alcohol industry to provide health education. Anna B Gilmore & Gary Fooks (72) support this view. Victor Bampoe et al. (70–71) respond from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

Imbalance in health research

Bridget Pratt & Bebe Loff (55–62) consider reasons why most health research funding is spent chasing new discoveries.