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**Highlights**

As we know how time pressured everyone is, the authors of the digest have selected three recommended items from the lists below.

This week these are:


3. **No time to die: An in-depth analysis of James Bond’s exposure to infectious agents**, Wouter Graumans et al., Travel Medicine and Infectious Disease, 16th October 2021. (ALERT: spoilers)

**Research Papers**

**Pre-prints (not peer-reviewed)**

‘It feels like I’m back to being a teacher’: A longitudinal study of teachers’ high, low and turning points during the first eight months of COVID-19 in England, Kathryn Asbury et al., PsyArXiv Preprint, 21st October 2021.


Factors affecting the mental health of pregnant women using UK maternity services during the COVID-19 pandemic: A qualitative interview study, Alison Ruth McKinlay et al., medRxiv, 20th October 2021.


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What game theory can teach us about controlling pandemics, David McAdams et al., The BMJ, 21st October 2021.


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CBC Conference 2021, Centre for Behaviour Change, UCL, 1st November 2021.


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Scientifically... The Sir Patrick Vallance interview, BBC Sounds, 12th October 2021.

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The remote British island hoping to see more visitors, Anne Cassidy, BBC News, 21st October 2021.

Should the government do more to protect the NHS?, Philippa Roxby, BBC News, 21st October 2021.


The political fight over vaccine mandates deepens despite their effectiveness, Alana Wise, APR, 17th October 2021.
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