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Call Me (But Not at Night)
Phone calls in the evening may shorten sleep time in preadolescents, although it is not yet clear whether this is due to exposure to electromagnetic fields.

Beating the Heat
The malaria parasite can defend itself from fever and other adverse conditions in the host thanks to a newly identified regulator gene called PfAP2-HS.

A Flying Start
Recruitment began for the ICARIA clinical trial, which aims to evaluate whether the administration of azithromycin alongside intermittent preventive treatment of malaria in infants reduces child mortality.

Latin Horizons
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Smoke Signals in the Placenta
Smoking during pregnancy is associated with chemical modifications in placental DNA, which in turn are associated with poor birth outcomes.

Disease in a Warming World
Climate change could have direct consequences on malaria transmission in densely populated areas of Africa.

Year Two
The second year of the COVID-19 pandemic was marked by the emergence of new viral variants and inequitable access to vaccines and treatments.

Tap is Tops
Tap water or bottled water? For Barcelona residents, the answer is clear; tap water is by far the best choice for their health and that of the environment.

Smart Money
Brazil’s conditional cash transfer programme, Bolsa Família, significantly reduced maternal mortality, particularly among young women.

Unmasking the Culprit
A study identifies biomarkers that distinguish between bacterial and viral pneumonias and could be used for developing rapid diagnostic tests.

Stress in the Air
A citizen-science project explored the association between air pollution and mental health.

Less is More
A clinical trial carried out in Bolivia finds that a shorter treatment for Chagas disease is as effective as the standard regimen, and much safer.

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TRANSLATING RESEARCH INTO SOLUTIONS TO SOCIETY

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A SERIES OF POLICY BRIEFS ON THE COVID-19 RESPONSE AND NEW INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCES.

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