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In an editorial, Gretchen Stevens et al. (646) discuss WHO’s upcoming report Global health risks, which shows how lifestyle behaviours, such as diet and alcohol consumption, are changing the health profile in developing countries.

In a second editorial, Luc Noël & Dominique Martin (647) applaud Pakistan’s progress towards national self-sufficiency in organ transplantation. In a third editorial, Sophie Hill (648) discusses the directions that successful health communication strategies should take.

Influenza A (H1N1) vaccines are expected to become available this month. In an interview (653–654), Dr Marie-Paule Kieny, director of the Initiative for Vaccine Research at WHO, explains how the Organization is supporting fair access to vaccines for all countries.

South Africa

Paraffin-related injuries
David C Schwebel et al. (700–706) call for more education on the safe use of paraffin to reduce injuries in the home.

Kenya

Mosquito control
Ulrike Fillinger et al. (655–665) report that microbial larvicides are an effective complement to insecticide-treated nets in reducing malaria incidence.

Republic of Korea

Tobacco tax dependence
Young Kyung Do & Kidong Park (692–699) find that local governments’ dependence on revenue from tobacco sales may be a deterrent to tobacco control activities.

Europe

Now give us the proof
Mireia Bes (651–652) reports on how food manufacturers are being asked to substantiate their health claims for “functional foods”.

Peru

Cultural adaptation of birthing services
Sabine Gabrysch et al. (724–729) show how indigenous women use skilled delivery services that are adapted to meet their needs.

Ghana

Goodbye to guinea worm
Ghana could be one of the next countries to wipe out dracunculiasis, reports Mawusi Afele (649–650).

Western Pacific

Hepatitis B control by 2012
Manju Rani et al. (707–713) examine the effects of adopting a regional hepatitis B vaccination goal.

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Postpartum haemorrhage
G Justus Hofmeyr et al. (666–677) review trials of misoprostol for the prevention of postpartum haemorrhage.

Balancing benefits and harms
Michael J Selgelid (720–723) calls for more ethical input into debates about potentially harmful research.

Changes in verbal autopsy studies
Rohina Joshi et al. (678–682) evaluate the designs of verbal autopsy studies.

Human rights and health
Sofia Gruskin & Laura Ferguson (714–719) consider how human rights contribute to public health efforts.

Tuberculosis trends
C Dye et al. (683–691) examine national trends in tuberculosis incidence.