

<http://blogs.wsj.com/pharmalot/2015/01/23/a-new-index-measures-impact-pharma-has-on-infectious-diseases/>

A New Index Measures Impact Pharma Has on Infectious Diseases

By Ed Silverman

Jan. 23, 2015 4:03 pm ET

The pharmaceutical industry regularly boasts that its efforts to develop treatments for infectious diseases in poor nations are making a difference. But for those wondering how to gauge those efforts, a new metric has been created.

The Global Health Impact Index measures three factors: the need for several important drugs for three specific infectious diseases: tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and malaria; the effectiveness of the available treatments; and the number of people who can access those drugs. The rankings estimate the amount of death and disability the drugs are alleviating.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

Continue reading your article with
a WSJ subscription

Subscribe Now

Already a subscriber? [Sign In](#)

Further Reading

Ozempic's Maker Got Crushed. The Rebound Is Under Way.

Eli Lilly's Diabetes Drug Tops Novo Nordisk's Oral Pill in Trial

Ozempic Maker Novo Nordisk to Cut 9,000 Jobs

Novo Nordisk Says Wegovy Cuts Heart Risk by 57% Compared With Eli Lilly's Obesity Drug

Novo Nordisk Freezes Hiring in Noncritical Areas