

Causal Interpretation of Association Studies

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Description	In many epidemiologic studies, you often find causal language when describing association results. Appropriate presentation of non-causal studies is critical when communicating research findings. We will discuss and critique 2 articles, focusing on causal interpretation in association studies. Students participate in critiquing the articles for additional epidemiological issues (e.g. study design, analysis, writing, sampling) relevant to causation. Furthermore, we will focus on appropriate presentation of non-causal results.
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Critique public health, epidemiology, and biomedical studies2. Expand knowledge on causation by discussing research topics that may not have been presented in other courses3. Develop knowledge and be able to describe the importance of accurate reporting of results from association studies
Dates	December 9, 2021, 15:00-17:00
Eligibility	The course is open to PhD students of the SSPH+ Inter-university Graduate Campus
Course Structure	2 hour online course, consisting of lecture and presentation, and an interactive session where course participants will critique peer-reviewed article, with specific focus on causality in epidemiologic methods and result interpretation. Reading materials and resources will be provided in advance.
Assessment	Two-page article critique, evaluating comprehension of course material (voluntary).

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Work load	Preliminary Work: 0-2 h; Contact time: 2 h; Wrap-Up Work: 0-2 h
Location	Online course on zoom
Course Fees	SSPH+ PhD Students 0.- CHF
Registration	Please register on the SSPH+ Platform with login (your email address) and your password
Deadline for registration	9 November 2021

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