

Supplementary Information

Title: The reporting of study limitations and hedging in articles with and without causal diagrams

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Table S2 Sensitivity analysis

File S3 Examples of the reporting of study limitations for each bias category

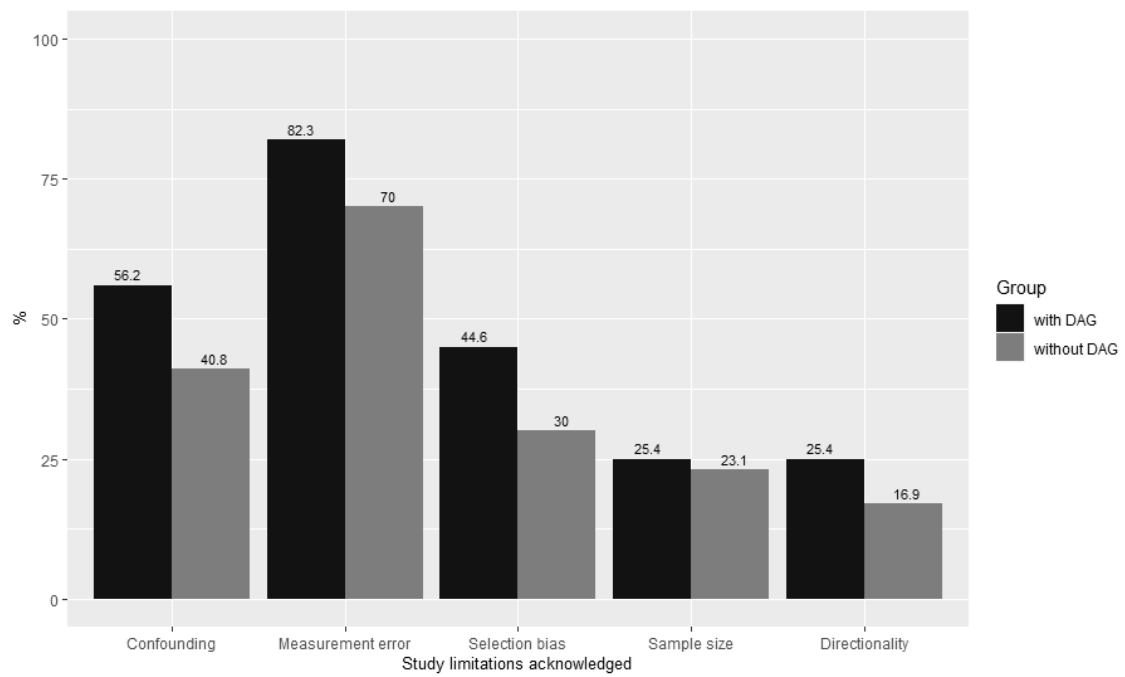


Figure S1. Study limitations and potential biases reported by the authors.