

Strength of Evidence that Determined the Causality Conclusions

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EPIDEMIOLOGIC ASSESSMENT						MECHANISTIC ASSESSMENT					CAUSALITY CONCLUSION			
High (increased)	High (null/decreased)	Moderate (increased)	Moderate (null/decreased)	Limited	Insufficient	Strong	Intermediate	Low-Intermediate	Weak	Lacking	Inadequate to Accept or Reject	Favors Rejection	Favors Acceptance	Convincingly Supports
High (increased)														Convincingly Supports
						Strong								Convincingly Supports
		Moderate (increased)												Favors Acceptance
							Intermediate							Favors Acceptance
	High (null/decreased)*													Favors Rejection
			Moderate (null/decreased), Limited, or Insufficient**											Inadequate to Accept or Reject
								Low-Intermediate, Weak, or Lacking***						Inadequate to Accept or Reject

* Causality conclusion is favors rejection only if mechanistic assessment is **not** strong or intermediate.

** Causality conclusion is inadequate to accept or reject only if mechanistic assessment is **not** strong or intermediate.

*** Causality conclusion is inadequate to accept or reject only if epidemiologic assessment is **not** high (increased), high (null/decreased), or moderate (increased).