



LIMITATIONS ON CAUSAL MAPPING IN EVALUATION - DATA QUALITY

From (Powell et al., 2024)

Causal mapping has some limitations. First, the credibility of the causal arguments which can be derived from a map is limited by the credibility of the original data sources. We see the job of causal mapping as collecting, organising and synthesising a large number of claims about what causes what; drawing conclusions about what this actually reveals about the world is a final step that goes beyond causal mapping per se. In specific cases, establishing explicit and context-specific rules of inference may help to make this final step.

!01381 Rubrics can help make evaluative judgements from causal mapping

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