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Aaron, as you know, I have been sorry to see what I consider to be highly inaccurate accounts of some of the CASAC's work, and mine in particular, in high-profile op-ed pieces in *Science* and *Nature* and elsewhere earlier this year. Here is a link to a paper in press that briefly sets forth my understanding of sound science -- the principles of sound inquiry and inference that I seek to uphold and apply in my work for the CASAC and in my own research -- and that responds to some of the misconceptions that have been published.

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S259011331930015X>

If appropriate, please distribute to the CASAC. We have discussed these ideas in past deliberations, but it might be useful to have them in written form. This paper is forthcoming in a new journal, *Global Epidemiology*, that says that it is devoted to improving epidemiological methodology and to inviting discussion and debate on the best ways to do so. I have contributed several things to it this year related to topics from our CASAC reviews, and hope that this may do some lasting good in initiating a discussion of how to improve the methods being used.

Best,

-- Tony