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In this issue, a 2012 study addresses 'Reverse Causality':

Research on injury compensation and health outcomes: ignoring the problem of reverse causality led to a biased conclusion

and the common belief that whiplash victims submitting claims for treatment have longer recovery times and worse outcomes than those who do not:

uous. For example, it is possible that factors, such as claiming compensation, lawyer involvement, and litigation, may lead to slower recovery, but it is also possible that slower recovery leads individuals to claim, seek legal advice, and litigate. Because it is possible that the explanatory

they showed that when 'Reverse Causality' is figured into the data, those submitting claims actually had lower pain levels (18.8/100) than those not submitting claims (19.01/100). The researchers concluded:

Once reverse causality bias is addressed, people who claim compensation appear to experience a better recovery from neck pain at 24 months compared with nonclaimants, controlling for other *observable* factors only.

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