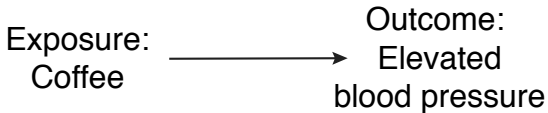


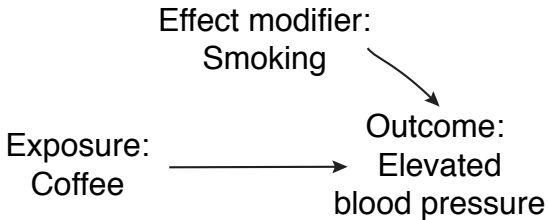
Causal pathway of interest

— does coffee drinking cause elevated blood pressure?



Effect modification

— smoking associated with elevated blood pressure
— no association between coffee drinking and smoking



Confounding

— smoking associated with coffee drinking and with elevated blood pressure

