To the Editors,

Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript, which we have submitted as part of a special issue of *Alcohol and Alcoholism* on ***Meta-Analyses and Systematic Reviews*.**

This article concerns the all too common problem of missing data in meta-analyses of substance abuse and public health research. The proposed analyses can help researchers better defend their statistical inferences and can contextualize those results by highlighting where evidence may be lacking. We demonstrate this approach on a meta-analysis of substance abuse interventions and include code and an HTML vignette to help researchers apply these principles to their own data.

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