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General

Look at the first two sentences of the paper!

"While the relationship between exposure and outcome is explored in traditional epidemiology, the status of disease in question are used to be expressed as a dichotomous state: disease and non-disease. Categorizing the disease of interest into two states, more often than not, may not only wide the gap between the epidemiologists who are interested in the occurrence of disease and the clinicians who are concerned with the prognosis of disease but also rather limit to elucidate the disease progression for the majority of chronic diseases."

and it goes on, most of the corrections are like that.