Experiment

1. A team of psychologists is conducting a field experiment at a local hospital. They are investigating if hospital patients who choose when they have visitors recover quicker than those patients who can only have visitors during official hospital visiting times. They are using an opportunity sample of patients. The psychologists then calculated the mean number of days the participants stayed in hospital (see below).

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|  | Mean number of days in hospital |
| Patients who choose when to have visitors | 3.4 |
| Patients who can only have visitors during official hospital visiting times | 4.8 |

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