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Question 1

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Which of the following would imply a violation of the exclusion restriction in Guido Imbens' flu shot experiment?

- a. If the letter reminded doctors to give flu shots
- b. If some doctors did not read the letter
- c. If some patients did not follow ignored the doctor's advice
- \odot d. If the letter reminded doctors to give advice regarding handwashing or other ways to prevent the flu \checkmark

Explanation

The letter reminding the doctors to give flu shots is a necessary assumption for the validity of the instrument, otherwise the first stage would be 0, and both your estimate and its standard errors would blow up to infinity. If some doctors did not read the letter, it might weaken the first stage

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relationship but would not make the instrument invalid. If some patients ignore their doctors, it also might weaken the first stage relationship but would not make the instrument invalid. If the letter reminded doctors not only about flu shots, but also about handwashing, then this would violate the exclusion restriction by affecting sick days through a channel other than the flu shot.

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