Collecting Sample Data

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We can't tell. It could be that the drug works, or it could be that men naturally have higher blood pressure than women. From the data collected, we just can't tell.

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