Dear SISCER participant,

We are excited to welcome you to Module 2, Causal Inference with Observational Data: Common Designs and Statistical Methods! This message gives some logistics of how the module will run.

* The course website is available now: <https://www.ting-ye.com/teaching/siscer-2024> - it currently contains the course’s information, and slides and R practical examples. Some materials may be updated as we proceed.
* Before the module, please ensure you have R installed on the computer you will be using. We also recommend you to use an integrated development environment like RStudio. **In the R practicals, we indicated the R packages that you will be using during the practice session (e.g. tidyverse, MASS, RobinCar for practical 1, optmatch, caret, and ggplot2 for practical 2)**. **Please make sure those are installed and can be loaded before we start on Monday.**Let us know if you have any issues.
* We encourage you to interact and ask questions on our Slack channel. Both instructors and our teaching assistant will be monitoring it, so you can get help as quickly as possible.

The module consists of 3 days, each with two roughly 50-min lectures, then some practical examples for you to try.

The lecture will be live via Zoom (Zoom link <https://washington.zoom.us/j/93800370133>), but will be recorded for later viewing. The recordings will be posted on the course website when they are available. The practical session will not be recorded.

We look forward to meeting you on Monday (July 8, 8:30am Pacific/11:30am Eastern)! If you have any questions please reach out via the Slack channel.

All best wishes,

Ting Ye & Richard Guo