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Dear Dr Sjögren,

Thanks for your letter. I am a little sorry that you do not think it worth while, at least at present, to put forward such evidence as the sib method can give on the question of possible sex linkage, but you know much more about it than I do, so I must acknowledge that you may well be right.

With respect to the sex ratio of defectives, I am influenced at present by the fact that the greater variability of males shows itself at both extremes of the scale, and that other recessive phenotypes, such as eyes without brown pigment, and the incapacity to taste phenylthiocarbamide, have also been found to show an excess of males. Generally, the rarer the peculiarity the more striking is the ^{ex}cess, and I hold strongly that ~~the~~ fact of observation is not in any way weakened by the circumstance that ~~we~~ cannot explain it.

+ That I should like to see a fuller discussion of the evidence on this point does not, I should like to add, in any way detract from the pleasure I feel at giving readers of the Annals your very fine paper.

Yours sincerely,