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Dear Professor Cappell,

We shall be very much interested to have the classification of the first 2,000 from Dundee. For our own purpose we shall include all who have been grouped, whether or not they were rejected later for bleeding.

If you have any information as to frequency and kind of misclassification, this also has a special interest of its own. We know that, when large numbers are grouped, a small percentage of misclassifications have occurred at other centres, and it is at present an open question whether these account for the small, but significant, variation in the frequencies of the different groups observable from different parts of the London area. At present it is not clear whether actual errors of serological diagnosis, such as the classification of a weak A as O, predominate, or clerical errors, e.g., of copying, which may lead to interchange between ^{groups} both A and B. Owing to the very unequal numbers of the four main groups, even a few misclassifications per 1000 may produce a perceptible disturbance.

I judge, however, by your letter that these 2,000 have been very thoroughly checked.

Yours sincerely,