

The Galton Laboratory,
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Harpenden, Herts.

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Dear Mr Lack,

I expect you received through Nuxley the suggestions I made as to the fuller presentation of the measurement data. I certainly think you should set out the actual frequencies, instead of giving only the mean, largest, smallest, and other details.

I am not at all convinced that more could be got out of the data than you have got, but in a good many other cases it has happened that comparisons of variability made by the coefficient of variation are not satisfactory, and indeed very often no better than direct comparisons of standard deviations or variances.

I hope you will come down and discuss the problem when you are up in London. The service down here is, of course, worse than usual, but if you care to come in the morning and take lunch here, it should not be too bad a day.

Yours sincerely,