

27th February, 1952.

Capwell
Dear Dr. Gennell,

Thanks for your letter giving me your information about the proportion of A to O in two reciprocal types of family. I am not personally at all averse from believing that such selection occurs though it requires very thorough evidence to substantiate it. If ~~attempted~~ ^{demonstrated} also it would require the discovery of some mechanism of counter selection capable of maintaining the proportion of A in the population. I should be inclined, a priori to expect that all these things will be found in time, and your research is, therefore, certainly a step in the right direction, though I should feel a good deal happier if it had been possible to enumerate complete families.

I expect you are in a position to sub-divide each group of children between the two sexes. More than one piece of research has been suggestive of disturbed sex ratios.

Sincerely yours,

D. T. Lapwell.

Data from northern Counties of Scotland.

	Total.	AB	A	B	O		A/(O+A)
Inverness.	2122	2.5	34.3	10.5	52.3	%	
		M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.		
		23 31	269 469	85 102	410 700		39.61%
Ross & Cromarty	365	1.9	27.3	12.9	57.8	%	
		2 5	24. 71	17 .30	85. 126		32.15
Sutherland	445	4.4	31.1	11.1	53.3	%	
		2	14	5	24		36.84
Caithness	171	4.1	33.3	13.4	49.1	%	
		1 6	16 41	11 12	33 51.		40.43
Lewis	174	3.4	32.2	13.8	50.5	%	
		6	56	24	85		38.89