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Dear Pearson,

Thanks for your letter of December 6th. I am very glad you think well of the Royal Society paper, though it does relatively little towards advancing the problem of testing significance.

Personally, I do think this is the important problem. The question you put alongside it "From how non-normal a population it might have come", cannot, I fear, be put in any form which is both useful and precise. Not that it is not worth considering; but that it is of an entirely different kind from the definite tests of significance.

Yours sincerely,