Dear Dr Russ,

I have your letter and shall submit the paper forthwith. I shall not press its publication if the referees make objection to it.

I do not think I should incorporate Bradford Hill's tests of significance, as they are rather rough and ready, and there is no real question of the statistical significance in any case. If the obvious conclusion is ultimately refuted, as, arguing by the analogy of many previous cases, is its probable destiny, it will certainly be on grounds other than that you have been deceived by a chance fluctuation. I am concerned, however, that the evidence you have accumulated shall receive full publicity and be set out for serious discussion, rather than, in any sense, be suppressed as being heterodox.

Yours sincerely,