

suitable then a larger sample would show a better fit; a larger sample should therefore be taken.

The variance of each data set should be equal in theory; in practice a difference of factor three or less is acceptable. The variances of the two samples are different by a factor of much less than three, so this assumption would appear acceptable. Independence?  $\frac{2}{3}$

iii)

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t2test(pch, pnc)
t = -4.028      df = 119
SP (obtained direction) = 4.973e-005
SP (opposite direction) = 4.973e-005
SP (total) = 9.946e-005
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The significance probability is very small, hence the null hypothesis, that the mean difference is zero, or that the two samples arise from the same population is rejected. There is a difference in the level of the detected hormone between patients suffering from these conditions. For these two samples at least, a differential diagnostic test would seem a valid tool with which to decide a treatment.  $\frac{5}{5}$

c) We can model the null distribution of  $T_1$ , 'ten accidents in the first half of last year' by the binomial distribution  $T \sim B(t, n_1/(n_1+n_2))$  where  $t$  is the total number of accidents, and  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  are the number of observations on each period respectively.

$$T \sim B(t, n_1/(n_1+n_2)) \\ \approx B(18, 6/(6+2)) = B(18, 3/4).$$