

Review of: "Incidence risk of major reproductive disorders of dairy cows and cow-level risk factors in Wolaita Sodo town, southern Ethiopia"

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Nice and informative overview of conditions in Ethiopia. Thanks for this contribution. Suggestions/doubts/questions: line 3, without "between"; line 5: how many times or how long during the postpartum period were the cows checked? BCS: just a remark, the BCS system published by Edmondson seems to be much more widespread ([A Body Condition Scoring Chart for Holstein Dairy Cows - Journal of Dairy Science](#)). You once mention native breeds and once exotic breeds; could you specify those? Yearly average temperature could be replaced by THI (temperature humidity index) for more precision. M&M/monitoring of cows: define the diseases; when is it RFM (after xy hours), when a metritis (e.g., definition by Sheldon et al. [Defining postpartum uterine disease in cattle - PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)); somewhere in the discussion, you switch from Retained Fetal Membranes to Membrane; the plural is correct. Discussion of stillbirth: what is meant by calving year? The number of calvings is parity, the age of the cow...? You conclude correctly and importantly that forage management and amount are crucial. Could you refer to feeding management in the discussion as well, as I consider it to be of high importance not only regarding economics but also regarding animal welfare and ethics? Thank you!