

Estimating claw health in dairy herds: Can we use routine herd data?

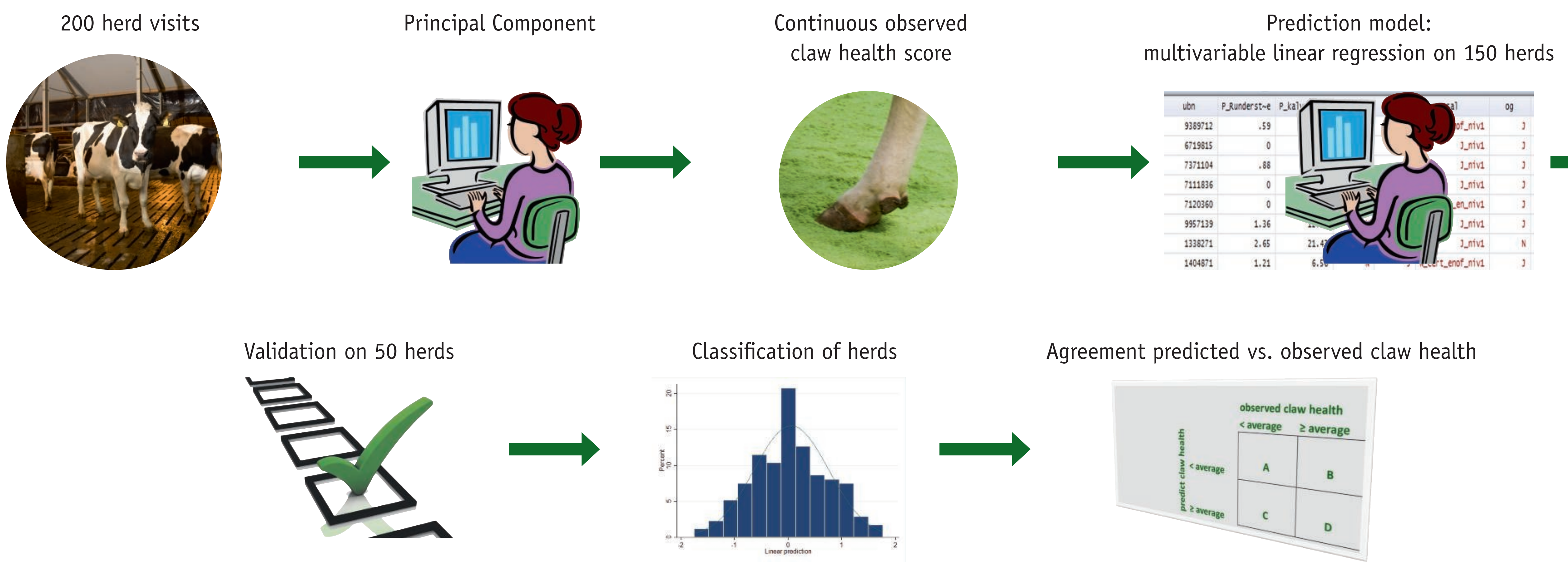
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Goal

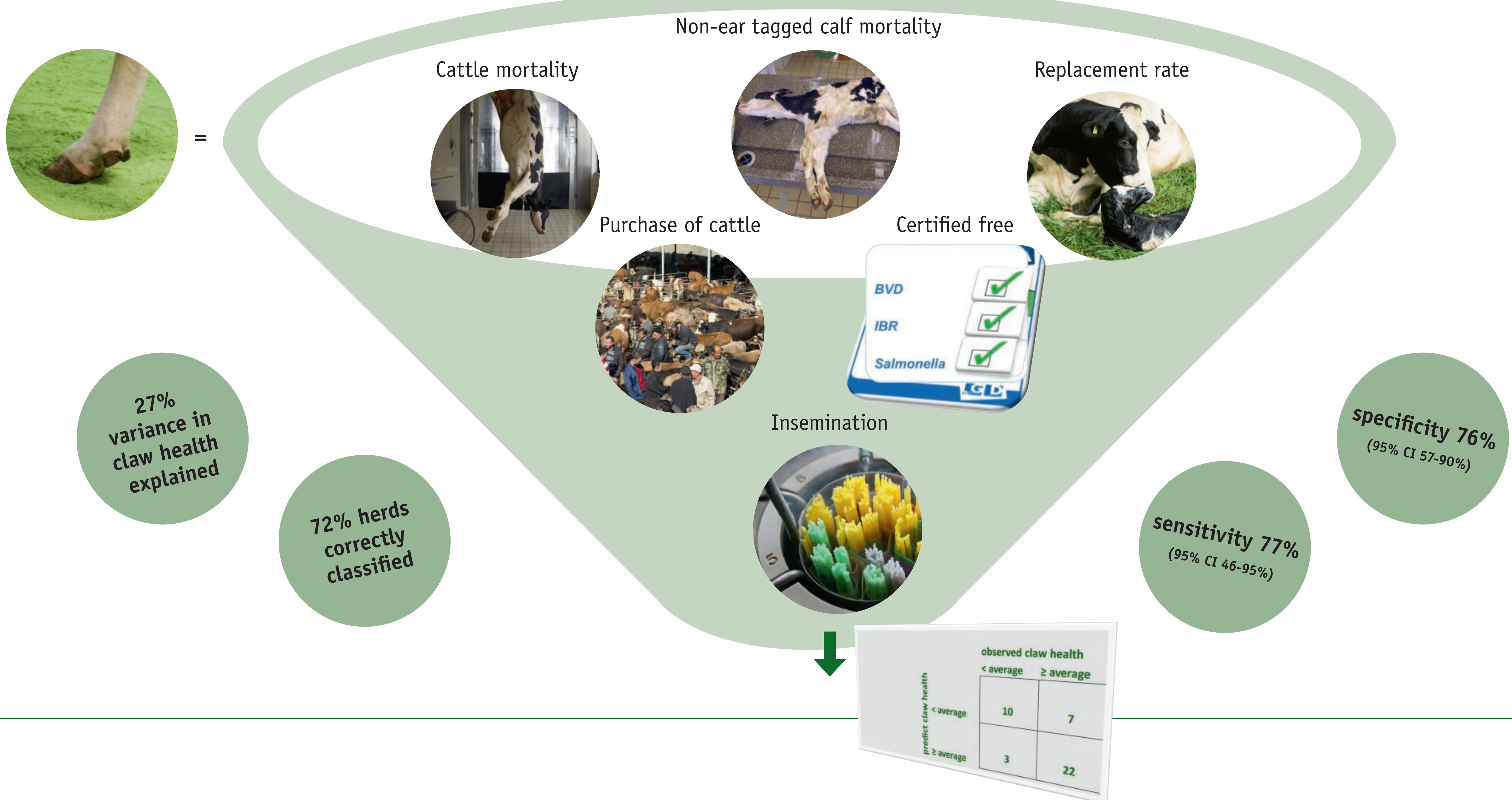
Development of an empirical model on routine herd data that could at least classify herds with a below or above average claw health.

Material & methods



Results

Parameters associated with claw health



Conclusion

The study showed that there is merit in estimating claw health of dairy farms using routine herd data. This provides the opportunity to monitor claw health in a population and classify individual herds for claw health. The claw health status of herds combined with a benchmark may stimulate herd owners to improve claw health in their herds.

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