

## **Effects of common diseases on rumination time in high-productive Holstein dairy cows**

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### **Supplementary File**

Disease	Interval	Numcows	case-control ratio	Mean RT (absence)	Mean RT (presence)	Mean difference	p-value
Generic diseases	2-h	126	1:2.35	47.00	45.73	1.27	< 0.001
Reproductive diseases	2-h	66	1:0.85	46.92	45.84	1.08	< 0.001
Mastitis	2-h	68	1:39.51	47.43	42.59	4.84	< 0.001
Locomotor issues	2-h	16	1:34.51	45.59	43.19	2.40	0.001
Gastroenteric diseases <sup>1</sup>	2-h	3	1:14.49	47.67	37.76	9.91	< 0.001

<sup>1</sup> Only three animals suffered from gastroenteric diseases, therefore, even if highly significant, caution should be used with this result.

**Table S1.**Differences between the mean Rumination Time (RT, expressed in min/2h) in absence or presence of the disease and their t-test p-value.

a) Generic disease

Window size	Mean		SD		Slope	
	Before	After	Before	After	Before	After
1	42.01 ± 11.47	41.28 ± 10.21	9.61 ± 5.36	9.56 ± 5.75	-4.84 <sup>a</sup> ± 7.00	-2.39 <sup>b</sup> ± 7.01
3	43.83 ± 7.96	43.51 ± 7.82	10.54 ± 3.87	10.36 ± 3.43	-1.04 <sup>a</sup> ± 1.72	0.29 <sup>b</sup> ± 1.54
5	44.62 ± 6.90	44.61 ± 6.89	10.35 ± 3.34	10.17 ± 2.80	-0.54 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.78	0.28 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.81

b) Reproductive diseases

Window size	Mean		SD		Slope	
	Before	After	Before	After	Before	After
1	42.53 ± 11.13	43.29 ± 8.82	9.11 ± 4.73	7.91 ± 4.12	-3.56 ± 6.75	-3.60 ± 5.63
3	44.71 ± 7.21	43.39 ± 6.58	10.31 ± 4.45	9.16 ± 3.22	-1.23 <sup>a</sup> ± 1.82	-0.38 <sup>b</sup> ± 1.46
5	45.29 ± 6.05	43.86 ± 6.63	10.01 ± 3.61	9.26 ± 2.46	-0.52 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.81	-0.04 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.62

c) Mastitis

Window size	Mean		SD		Slope	
	Before	After	Before	After	Before	After
1	43.95 <sup>a</sup> ± 9.36	41.30 <sup>b</sup> ± 9.76	10.05 ± 5.98	11.19 ± 6.65	-5.64 <sup>a</sup> ± 6.50	-2.54 <sup>b</sup> ± 8.29
3	44.65 ± 6.72	43.73 ± 7.67	10.57 ± 3.68	11.11 ± 3.63	-0.77 <sup>a</sup> ± 1.53	0.33 <sup>b</sup> ± 1.40
5	45.33 ± 6.17	45.08 ± 6.35	10.51 ± 3.17	10.82 ± 2.89	-0.41 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.67	0.34 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.85

d) Locomotor system issues

Window size	Mean		SD		Slope	
	Before	After	Before	After	Before	After
1	35.15 ± 12.42	38.35 ± 10.47	7.06 ± 3.75	8.39 ± 3.97	-3.41 ± 4.61	-0.17 ± 5.76
3	36.94 ± 8.61	42.15 ± 7.38	9.78 ± 3.37	9.61 ± 2.79	-0.79 <sup>a</sup> ± 1.49	0.95 <sup>b</sup> ± 1.62
5	37.76 <sup>a</sup> ± 6.95	42.51 <sup>b</sup> ± 5.86	10.17 ± 2.67	9.59 ± 2.55	-0.64 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.70	0.46 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.72

e) Gastroenteric diseases

Window size	Mean		SD		Slope	
	Before	After	Before	After	Before	After
1	19.81 ± 8.76	28.00 ± 12.72	14.15 ± 7.91	10.83 ± 8.05	-7.13 ± 16.26	2.83 ± 4.58
3	35.78 ± 6.23	36.47 ± 16.96	16.32 ± 3.66	11.28 ± 5.84	-4.55 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.83	1.55 <sup>b</sup> ± 1.75
5	39.51 ± 5.50	38.21 ± 16.31	15.56 ± 4.57	11.14 ± 4.28	-2.22 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.43	0.75 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.13

**Table S2.** Mean ± SD of rumination mean, rumination SD, and slope (from the regression line) before and after different sanitary events (a – e). The differences between before and after the events were tested using t-test (row by row and couple-wise): the superscripts (i.e., a and b) identify the couples which elements were significantly different ( $P < 0.05$ ).

a) Generic disease																					
Window size	Disease = RT mean				Disease = RT sd				Disease = RT slope				Disease = RT mean + RT sd + RT slope								
	Estimate	Odds ratio	AIC	Pseudo R <sup>2</sup>	Estimate	Odds ratio	AIC	Pseudo R <sup>2</sup>	Estimate	Odds ratio	AIC	Pseudo R <sup>2</sup>	mean Estimate	Odds ratio	sd Estimate	Odds ratio	slope Estimate	Odds ratio	AIC	Pseudo R <sup>2</sup>	
1	-0.079 (0.009) p < 0.001	0.92	2096.9	2.99%	0.009 (0.017) ns	1.01	2161.1	0.01%	-0.087 (0.011) p < 0.001	0.92	2096.6	3.01%	-0.076 (0.009) p < 0.001	0.93	(0.019) ns	-0.038 0.021	0.96	(0.014) p < 0.001	0.91	2034.4	6.07%
	-0.073 (0.012) p < 0.001	0.93	2096.4	1.69%	0.115 (0.025) p < 0.001	1.12	2112.2	0.95%	-0.654 (0.052) p < 0.001	0.52	2016.7	5.43%	-0.054 (0.012) p < 0.001	0.95	(0.028) ns	0.021 -0.555	1.02	(0.066) p < 0.001	0.57	1999.2	6.45%
	-0.061 (0.013) p < 0.001	0.94	2069.6	1.04%	0.119 (0.029) p < 0.001	1.13	2075.5	0.76%	-1.379 (0.104) p < 0.001	0.25	1965.6	6.02%	-0.039 (0.013) p = 0.002	0.96	(0.033) ns	-0.000 1.00	-1.280 (0.138) p < 0.001	0.28	1960.1	6.47%	
b) Reproductive diseases																					
Window size	Disease = RT mean				Disease = RT sd				Disease = RT slope				Disease = RT mean + RT sd + RT slope								
	Estimate	Odds ratio	AIC	Pseudo R <sup>2</sup>	Estimate	Odds ratio	AIC	Pseudo R <sup>2</sup>	Estimate	Odds ratio	AIC	Pseudo R <sup>2</sup>	mean Estimate	Odds ratio	sd Estimate	Odds ratio	slope Estimate	Odds ratio	AIC	Pseudo R <sup>2</sup>	
1	-0.065 (0.016) p < 0.001	0.94	708.6	2.11%	0.024(0.0 30) ns	0.98	723.2	0.09%	-0.062 (0.019) p < 0.001	0.94	712.6	1.56%	-0.064 (0.016) p < 0.001	0.94	(0.033) ns	-0.046 0.96	(0.023) p < 0.001	0.93	699.3	3.96%	
	-0.047 (0.021) p = 0.022	0.95	693.0	0.73%	0.072 (0.046) ns	1.08	695.7	0.34%	-0.662 (0.082) p < 0.001	0.52	652.3	6.59%	-0.028 (0.020) ns	0.97	(0.053) ns	-0.071 0.93	(0.128) p < 0.001	0.47	652.4	7.16%	
	-0.039 (0.022) ns	0.96	693.5	0.44%	0.045 (0.055) ns	1.05	695.9	0.10%	-1.314 (0.190) p < 0.001	0.27	660.1	5.27%	-0.023 (0.022) ns	0.98	(0.060) ns	-0.071 0.93	(0.256) p < 0.001	0.23	661.2	5.68%	

**Table S3.** Summary of the logistic regression models' output: from a) to e) the 5 cases (i.e., generic diseases, reproductive diseases, mastitis, locomotor system issues, and gastroenteric diseases) with their estimates of the  $\beta$  (value, SE in brackets, and the p-value), odds ratio, AIC (Akaike information criterion) of the model, and McFadden's Pseudo-R<sup>2</sup>.

## c) Mastitis

Window size	Disease = RT mean				Disease = RT sd				Disease = RT slope				Disease = RT mean + RT sd + RT slope							
	Estimate	Odds ratio	AIC	Pseudo R <sup>2</sup>	Estimate	Odds ratio	AIC	Pseudo R <sup>2</sup>	Estimate	Odds ratio	AIC	Pseudo R <sup>2</sup>	mean Estimate	Odds ratio	sd Estimate	Odds ratio	slope Estimate	Odds ratio	AIC	Pseudo R <sup>2</sup>
1	-0.059 (0.011) p < 0.001	0.94	1565.6	1.50%	0.029 (0.019)	1.03	1586.9	0.15%	-0.101 (0.013) p < 0.001	0.90	1524.4	4.10%	-0.056 (0.011) p < 0.001	0.95	(0.023)	0.97	(0.017) p < 0.001	0.89	1504.4	5.61%
	-0.064 (0.014) p < 0.001	0.94	1565.2	1.27%	0.120 (0.028) p < 0.001	1.13	1568.3	1.08%	-0.549 (0.069) p < 0.001	0.58	1533.8	3.26%	-0.050 (0.013) p < 0.001	0.95	(0.030) p = 0.026	1.07	(0.072) p < 0.001	0.66	1518.8	4.46%
	-0.053 (0.015) p = 0.001	0.95	1545.4	0.77%	0.141 (0.032) p < 0.001	1.15	1539.6	1.14%	-1.171 (0.129) p < 0.001	0.31	1497.2	3.87%	-0.037 (0.015) p = 0.011	0.96	(0.035) p = 0.049	1.07	(0.147) p < 0.001	0.40	1490.6	4.56%

## d) Locomotor system issues

Window size	Disease = RT mean				Disease = RT sd				Disease = RT slope				Disease = RT mean + RT sd + RT slope							
	Estimate	Odds ratio	AIC	Pseudo R <sup>2</sup>	Estimate	Odds ratio	AIC	Pseudo R <sup>2</sup>	Estimate	Odds ratio	AIC	Pseudo R <sup>2</sup>	mean Estimate	Odds ratio	sd Estimate	Odds ratio	slope Estimate	Odds ratio	AIC	Pseudo R <sup>2</sup>
1	-0.133 (0.021) p < 0.001	0.88	240.5	11.07%	-0.108 (0.060)	0.90	266.3	1.37%	-0.067 (0.033)	0.94	265.8	1.53%	-0.130 (0.021) p < 0.001	0.88	(0.071)	0.85	(0.054) p = 0.028	0.89	234.3	14.88%
	-0.182 (0.031) p < 0.001	0.83	238.0	11.80%	0.076 (0.076)	1.08	268.4	0.34%	-0.532 (0.162)	0.59	261.1	3.08%	-0.177 (0.032) p < 0.001	0.84	(0.081)	0.95	(0.182) ns	0.69	237.2	13.62%
	-0.196 (0.036) p < 0.001	0.82	227.6	11.22%	0.144 (0.084)	1.16	253.3	1.02%	-1.443 (0.265) p < 0.001	0.24	237.2	7.42%	-0.179 (0.038) p < 0.001	0.84	(0.106)	0.93	(0.411) p = 0.002	0.28	219.2	16.17%

## e) Gastroenteric diseases

Window size	Disease = RT mean				Disease = RT sd				Disease = RT slope				Disease = RT mean + RT sd + RT slope							
	Estimate	Odds ratio	AIC	Pseudo R <sup>2</sup>	Estimate	Odds ratio	AIC	Pseudo R <sup>2</sup>	Estimate	Odds ratio	AIC	Pseudo R <sup>2</sup>	mean Estimate	Odds ratio	sd Estimate	Odds ratio	slope Estimate	Odds ratio	AIC	Pseudo R <sup>2</sup>
1	-0.235 (0.060) p < 0.001	0.79	26.9	49.02%	0.182 (0.091)	1.20	45.6	7.21%	-0.135 (0.077)	0.87	46.0	6.51%	-0.264 (0.080)	0.77	(0.122)	1.19	(0.065) ns	0.95	26.5	58.81%
	-0.188 (0.061) p = 0.002	0.83	41.2	17.00%	0.450 (0.125) p < 0.001	1.57	37.3	25.76%	-1.139 (0.269) p < 0.001	0.32	29.6	42.78%	-0.221 (0.102)	0.80	(0.562)	0.58	(1.474) ns	0.08	26.5	58.64%
	-0.173 (0.074) p = 0.020	0.84	44.1	10.18%	0.464 (0.135) p < 0.001	1.59	38.2	23.39%	-2.347 (0.585) p < 0.001	0.10	30.1	41.54%	-0.063 (0.092)	0.94	(0.328)	0.88	(1.537) ns	0.07	33.1	43.89%

**Table S3 (continued).**Summary of the logistic regression models' output: from a) to e) the 5 cases (i.e., generic diseases, reproductive diseases, mastitis, locomotor system issues, and gastroenteric diseases) with their estimates of the  $\beta$  (value, SE in brackets, and the p-value), odds ratio, AIC (Akaike information criterion) of the model, and McFadden's Pseudo-R<sup>2</sup>.