## Peer review

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| Criterion   | Points | Argumentation   |  |  |
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| 1. Problem formulation [0-5 pts]:   |        |   |  |  |
| is the problem clearly stated [1 pt]  | 1/1    | The problem is clearly stated   |  |  |
| what is the point of creating model,<br>are potential use cases defined [1 pt]                                  | 1/1    | Use cases for scientists an farmers are defined   |  |  |
| where do data comes from, what does<br>it contained [1 pt]  | 1/1    | Data is thoroughly described  |  |  |
| DAG has been drawn [1 pt]   | 0.5/1  | DAG is present in the project, but some relations are unclear (i.e. Shucked weight -> Height).          |  |  |
| • confoundings (pipe, fork, collider) were described [1 pt]   | 1/1    | Confoundings are thoroughly described.  |  |  |
| 2. Data preprocessing [0-2 pts]:  |        |   |  |  |
| • is preprocessing step clearly described [1 pt]  | 1/1    | Preprocessing is clearly described.   |  |  |
| reasoning and types of actions taken<br>on the dataset have been described [1<br>pt]                            | 0/1    | The authors did not use normalization even though they stated that the scale of data is a real problem. |  |  |
| 3. Model [0-4 pts]  |        |   |  |  |
| <ul> <li>are two different models specified [1 pt]</li> </ul>   | 1/1    | The models are specified.   |  |  |
| are difference between two models<br>explained [1 pt]   | 1/1    | The differences between models are specified  |  |  |
| • is the difference in the models justified (e.g. does adding additional parameter makes sense?) [1 pt]         | 1/1    | The difference is stated by the authors   |  |  |
| are models sufficiently described<br>(what are formulas, what are<br>parameters, what data are required) [1 pt] | 0.5/1  | The models were thoroughly described, however we think that the first model is too basic.               |  |  |
| 4. Priors [0-4 pts]   | 1      |   |  |  |
| Is it explained why particular priors<br>for parameters were selected [1 pt]                                    | 1/1    | The priors were selected based on scientific article.   |  |  |

| •  | Have prior predictive checks been<br>done for parameters (are parameters<br>simulated from priors make sense) [1<br>pt]   | 1/1   | PPC for parameters have been done.   |
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| •  | Have prior predictive checks been<br>done for measurements (are<br>measurements simulated from priors<br>make sense) [1 pt]   | 1/1   | PPC for measurements have been done.   |
| •  | How prior parameters were selected [1 pt]   | 1/1   | The priors were selected based on scientific article.  |
| 5. | Posterior analysis (model 1) [0-4 pts]  |       |  |
| •  | were there any issues with the sampling? if there were what kind of ideas for mitigation were used [1 pt]   | 1/1   | Diagnostic tools showed no problems.   |
| •  | are the samples from posterior predictive distribution analyzed [1 pt]  | 1/1   | Pairwise plots were provided.  |
| •  | are the data consistent with posterior predictive samples and is it sufficiently commented (if they are not then is the justification provided)   | 1/1   | Data are consistent on the plot.   |
| •  | have parameter marginal distributions<br>been analyzed (histograms of<br>individual parameters plus summaries,<br>are they diffuse or concentrated, what<br>can we say about values) [1 pt] | 0/1   | Marginal distributions for every <b>fixed</b> parameter are present. Diffusion and concentration of parameters is described. However we believe that a more sophisticated model should be used that optimizes values of parameters according to input data instead of analyzing <b>fixed</b> parameters. |
| 6. | Posterior analysis (model 2) [0-4 pts]  |       |  |
| •  | were there any issues with the sampling? if there were what kind of ideas for mitigation were used [1 pt]   | 1/1   | Diagnostic tools showed no problems.   |
| •  | are the samples from posterior predictive distribution analyzed [1 pt]  | 1/1   | Posterior Predictive analysis was conducted.   |
| •  | are the data consistent with posterior predictive samples and is it sufficiently commented (if they are not then is the justification provided)   | 1/1   | Data seems to be consistent with real data. The authors evaded a problem with negative values using the appropriate distribution.  |
| •  | have parameter marginal distributions<br>been analyzed (histograms of<br>individual parameters plus summaries,<br>are they diffuse or concentrated, what<br>can we say about values) [1 pt] | 0.5/1 | Model is very simple (relies on only one input variable). However Marginal distributions are present.  |

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| 7. Model comparison [0-4 pts]   |       |  |
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| Have models been compared using information criteria [1 pt]   | 1/1   | Comparison plots and tables are present.   |
| Have result for WAIC been discussed<br>(is there a clear winner, or is there an<br>overlap, were there any warnings) [1<br>pt]                        | 0.5/1 | The results have been discussed. Parameters were thoroughly explained. The authors noticed a warning however they did not state the results can be therefore unreliable. |
| Have result for PSIS-LOO been discussed (is there a clear winner, or is there an overlap, were there any warnings) [1 pt]                             | 1/1   | The results have been discussed. Parameters were thoroughly explained.   |
| Whas the model comparison<br>discussed? Do authors agree with<br>information criteria? Why in your<br>opinion one model better than another<br>[1 pt] | 1/1   | Comparison is conducted.   |
| RESULT  | 23/27 |  |