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Dear Editors,

Accurate assessment of weight continues to be a challenge in many countries owing, in large part, to the lack of suitable weighing scales for newborns and young infants.

We have evaluated the performance of a new weight estimation strategy called Mercy Method (MM) with four existing weight-estimation methods (APLS, ARC, Broselow, and Nelson) in children in Mali.

The Mercy Method performed extremely well in these West African children with performance characteristics comparable to those observed in the United States of America and India, indicating that the MM can be used in West African children without modification extending the utility of this weight estimation strategy. We feel that our results would be of particular interest for the medical and scientific community.

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