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**Title:** Pattern of skin diseases in children attending a dermatology clinic in a referral hospital in Wolaita Sodo, southern Ethiopia

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This study comprises a review of hospital attendances of children attending for the diagnosis and treatment of skin conditions in a single hospital in Southern Ethiopia. It therefore provides a snapshot of what is seen rather than what actually occurs in the area.

At what altitude is this community situated and how much seasonal variation is there in temperature?

I am assuming that the diagnoses were based on the expertise of the trained dermatologists rather than through the use of any classification system e.g. for atopic dermatitis. Is this correct? Do the authors mean cellulitis rather than cellulites. With tinea capitis -did this include any cases that clinically resembled favus? Are there any local endemic diseases eg podoconiosis or onchocerciasis in this area? Did the investigators also examine children (or their clothes) for head or body lice infestations?

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