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Performance of a Herd of N dama Cattle During and After Cessation of Chemoprophylaxis for Trypanosomiasis.

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ABTRACT

Suspension of Isometamidium prophylaxis in a heard of Ndama cattle was followed by an outbreak of T. vivax infection. The disease was characterised by anaemia, significantly increased herd mortality rates, decreased birth-weight of calves and retarded weight gains in 0 -3 month old calves. No further losses occurred after re-introduction of chemoprophylaxis. The findings indicated that Ndama cattle under trypanosomiasis risk can benefit from chemoprophylaxis.

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