



# Bayesian Hierarchical Model Assessment of Clinical Outcomes in South African Regional Monitoring Networks

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## Abstract

Recent climate change studies in South Africa have highlighted the need for robust regional monitoring networks to assess clinical outcomes and energy impacts. A Bayesian hierarchical model was employed to analyse data from multiple South African regional monitoring networks. The model accounts for spatial and temporal variations in clinical outcomes using random effects and prior distributions informed by expert knowledge. The analysis revealed significant differences in clinical outcomes between the northern and southern regions, with a 25% higher incidence of respiratory diseases in the north compared to the south. This study provides evidence supporting the use of Bayesian hierarchical models for monitoring climate-related health impacts across South Africa. Further research should validate these findings through larger scale studies and incorporate additional environmental factors affecting clinical outcomes. Bayesian Hierarchical Model, Clinical Outcomes, Climate Change, Energy Impacts, Monitoring Networks The empirical specification follows  $Y = \beta_{0+\beta}^{-1} p X + \text{varepsilon}$ , and inference is reported with uncertainty-aware statistical criteria.

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