

Original Caro criteria (Caro et al., 1995)

A deceased female is considered to have experienced reproductive termination if her LPDI exceeded a "Caro criterion", which is defined as her mean IBI plus two standard deviations (Caro et al., 1995).

Modified Caro criteria (the present paper)

When a female's last offspring had survived to age three, our modified criterion for reproductive termination is based solely upon birth intervals with surviving offspring (SBI, Fig. 1b). Specifically, such females are considered reproductively terminated if their LPDI exceeds the mean plus two standard deviations of all SBI in the population. Similarly, when a female's last offspring died, our modified criterion for reproductive termination is based solely upon intervals following the death of infants. In place of the LPDI, we calculate the death-death interval (DDI), the time between the death of her last offspring and her own death (see Fig. 1a).