

# Review of: "A Dataset of Small-Mammal Detections in West Africa and Their Associated Micro-Organisms"

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It is an interesting study. But there is a need of presenting complex scientific information in a reader-friendly manner. Try to make the content informative yet understandable for the target audience. A few suggestions for the same are given below:

1. Break down the technical information into easily understandable sections or bullet points. This will help readers grasp the main points.
2. Highlight the critical findings or implications of the research. Discuss why understanding rodent-borne zoonotic diseases in West Africa is crucial from a public health perspective.
3. Explain why the diversity of rodents matters in the context of zoonotic diseases. Relate it to global health concerns and the importance of studying these species.
4. Discuss the potential consequences for human populations. How does this information affect public health policies or interventions, especially in regions where these diseases are prevalent?
5. Explain the specific benefits of this new dataset. How does it contribute to filling gaps in current knowledge? How might it aid researchers in studying and predicting zoonotic disease spillover?
6. Acknowledge the limitations of current research methodologies, such as biases in datasets and trapping studies. Emphasize the need for improved methodologies for better insights.
7. Ensure proper citation of the research studies mentioned in the text to support the claims and findings. This will add credibility to the review article.
8. Suggest areas that require further investigation or improvement in data collection and analysis. Encourage researchers to explore methods to minimize biases in biodiversity databases.
9. Summarize the key points and implications of the dataset to highlight the significance of this review.
10. Consider using graphs, maps, or diagrams to illustrate key points or data trends.
11. Check for grammatical mistakes and ensure that the flow of text is logical.
12. Limited dataset has been used to form the basis of this review.