

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

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This is an interesting contribution and I believe this resource will be useful to many scientists working in related areas of research. I appreciate the effort the authors have made to compile all available publications into a single database and present them in an appealing form via the web interface. I only have a few questions and ambiguities (some of them probably related to my loose reading of the text):

1. Do the authors plan to update the database to include newly published data in the future?
2. I am not sure if it is correct to refer to "microorganisms" in the manuscript title and text. The database also contains some macroscopic parasites (e.g. *Trichuris*).
3. More detailed explanations on how to work with the raw data (included in the spreadsheet "data\_extraction\_v2") could be extremely helpful for those who want to reuse the database correctly. At this stage, the meaning of each column is not yet entirely clear. Therefore, it may be difficult to figure out how to easily filter the cases if, for example, the presence of *Toxoplasma* has been tested using the PCR method.