

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

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This dataset on West African rodents is very useful for those dealing with zoonoses. The complex taxonomy and often incomplete distribution of rodents not only in West Africa but almost everywhere could affect the database. Validating data with GBIF is also not a guarantee. In fact, it is possible to find taxonomy and range errors in the GBIF dataset.

However, the validity and usefulness of the database the authors have set up remains. These shortcomings should be explicitly mentioned in the revised text.

The paper is well written and I have no further comments to make.