

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

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Good afternoon,

I have read the text, and I find the contribution on the spatial and temporal distribution of rodents and associated zoonotic pathogens in the African continent very interesting. After reading the text, some questions have arisen since I do not have that degree of knowledge on the subject, and they might be interesting to discuss.

Below, I present some of the questions that I hope will be enriching.

1. Has the study considered the investigation of other paratechnic vectors that may be involved in the transmission of zoonoses within the rodent definitive host axis?
2. What are the zoonotic pathogens that have been most frequently isolated from these rodents and in what percentage?
3. In data validation, it is assumed that species identification is accurate, but is there a standardized protocol for species determination?
4. How are potential inaccuracies or biases in the identification of different species addressed?

Thank you very much.

Best regards.