

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

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This article has a good proposal and presents a good compilation of data in the App.

I suggest mentioning the app in the abstract, so that the reader can understand what it's about and what expect.

In the "context", I suggest a small change in the sentence "Of 2,220 extant rodent species, 244 (10.7%) are described as hosts of 85 zoonoses" to "Of 2,220 extant rodent species, at least, 244 (10.7%) are described as hosts of 85 zoonoses" - this is a reference from 2015, potentially there may be other findings.

I understand the limitations of this article, but this should be better described in the discussion, as well as the importance of this work.

I believe that the "potential reuse" should be like a conclusion, I suggest rewriting this paragraph with the connotation of actually concluding the presentation of the text.

In the App, I suggest all the available searches (animals, agents) in alphabetical order, as in the item "habitats of trapped...". Also in this section "habitats of trapped...", I suggest looking for some way to improve the display of this data, because even if you select the species of interest, the data still stands out from each other, which makes it difficult to interpret.

With improvements, the paper would be ready for publication.