

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

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## **Areas for Improvement:**

While the article mentions data validation, it would be beneficial to provide more details on how the validation process ensured the accuracy of species identification and other extracted information.

The article mentions an RShiny web application for visualizing the data, but a direct link to the application or screenshots illustrating its functionality would enhance the reader's understanding of how the dataset can be explored.

The article focuses on data synthesis and presentation, but a discussion of potential statistical analyses or modeling approaches using the dataset would strengthen its scientific impact.

Given the dataset spans from 1964 to 2022, it would be insightful to discuss any temporal trends or changes in rodent occurrences and pathogen prevalence, if applicable.