

Review of: "Ancient DNA Clarifies the Identity and Geographic Origin of the Holotype of the Genus *Ctenomys*"

Natali Hurtado¹

¹ Universidad Nacional de San Agustín, Peru

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

I found the article to be exceptionally well-written and informative. The authors have adeptly utilized ancient DNA methodology to resolve a century-old taxonomic debate concerning *Ctenomys brasiliensis* and *Ctenomys minutus*. The clarity and depth of the historical analysis, coupled with the robust genetic and morphological evidence presented, make a compelling case for the conclusions drawn in this study.

The resolution of the geographic and taxonomic confusion surrounding these species is a significant contribution to the field, and the methods employed set a precedent for future taxonomic clarifications of similar cases. Given the quality of the research and the importance of the findings, I recommend that the manuscript be published in its current form.