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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Compulsory REVISION comments	The review is a great and informative initiative, though less critical Introduction: Lines: 38-39: Please provide reference. Suggestion: In a scientific paper like this it's better to address this rodent scientifically as <i>Mastomys natalensis</i> species complex. They are widely distributed in sub-Sahara Africa but the ones harboring Lassa virus are autochthonous of West Africa and that's why Lassa still spreads only in West Africa and any case out of this niche (like the German cases) are regarded as secondary human-human transmission or prior exposure in the propagation foci Introduction...line 52 3kb nor 3k Authors should state how the literature review was made, which keywords were used, what databases were searched and what were the inclusion and exclusion criteria of the papers that were considered/rejected Epidemiology in West Africa: The review seems not updated because there are ongoing Lassa outbreaks in Republic of Benin and other countries like Togo and Burkina Faso and authors are requested to make an exhaustive search. This is a review paper and should get more documents http://www.who.int/csr/don/13-june-2016-lassa-	All corrections have been effected: See line 43 Correction effected. See lines 52-55 Already effected: see line 59 Titles and abstracts were screened to exclude irrelevant publications. See lines 31-35 Already adjusted with the new added information from those countries. See lines 223-233 These links along with others have



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	fever-benin/en/ http://www.who.int/csr/don/10-march-2017-lassa-fever-benin-togo-burkina-faso/en/ Fig 1 is named transmission in Nigeria but displays issues in Sierra Leone and Liberia...what is the aim of this figure? Where is the legend? As an epidemiological review, authors are expected to question and be critical on the trends by trying to add their discussions and comments (possible scientific justifications) on the observations	provided some additional information. See lines 223-233 The title of the figure has been renamed to capture some west African countries. See lines 249-250 All these have been provided. See lines 426-468
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