

A replacement name for the endemic *Rattus* (Muridae, Mammalia) of the island of Obi, Indonesia

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ABSTRACT: The name *Rattus obiensis* Fabre, Portela Miguez, Holden, Fitriana, Semiadi, Musser, & Helgen, was recently applied to a newly discovered species of *Rattus* known to date only from the Moluccan island of Obi in Indonesia. However, this name is preoccupied by *Rattus rattus obiensis* Sody, 1941, a name applied to a commensal rat and currently recognized as a synonym of *Rattus tanezumi* Temminck, 1844. A replacement name, *Rattus ombirah* Fabre *et al.*, 2024. nom. nov., is here proposed for the endemic *Rattus* of Obi.

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