Abstract

In Algeria, PCR sequencing of *pla*, *glpD* and *rpoB* genes found *Yersinia pestis* in 18/237 (8%) rodents of five species, including *Apodemus sylvaticus*, previously undescribed as pestiferous; and disclosed three new plague foci. Multiple spacer typing confirmed a new Orientalis variant. Rodent survey should be reinforced in this country hosting reemerging plague