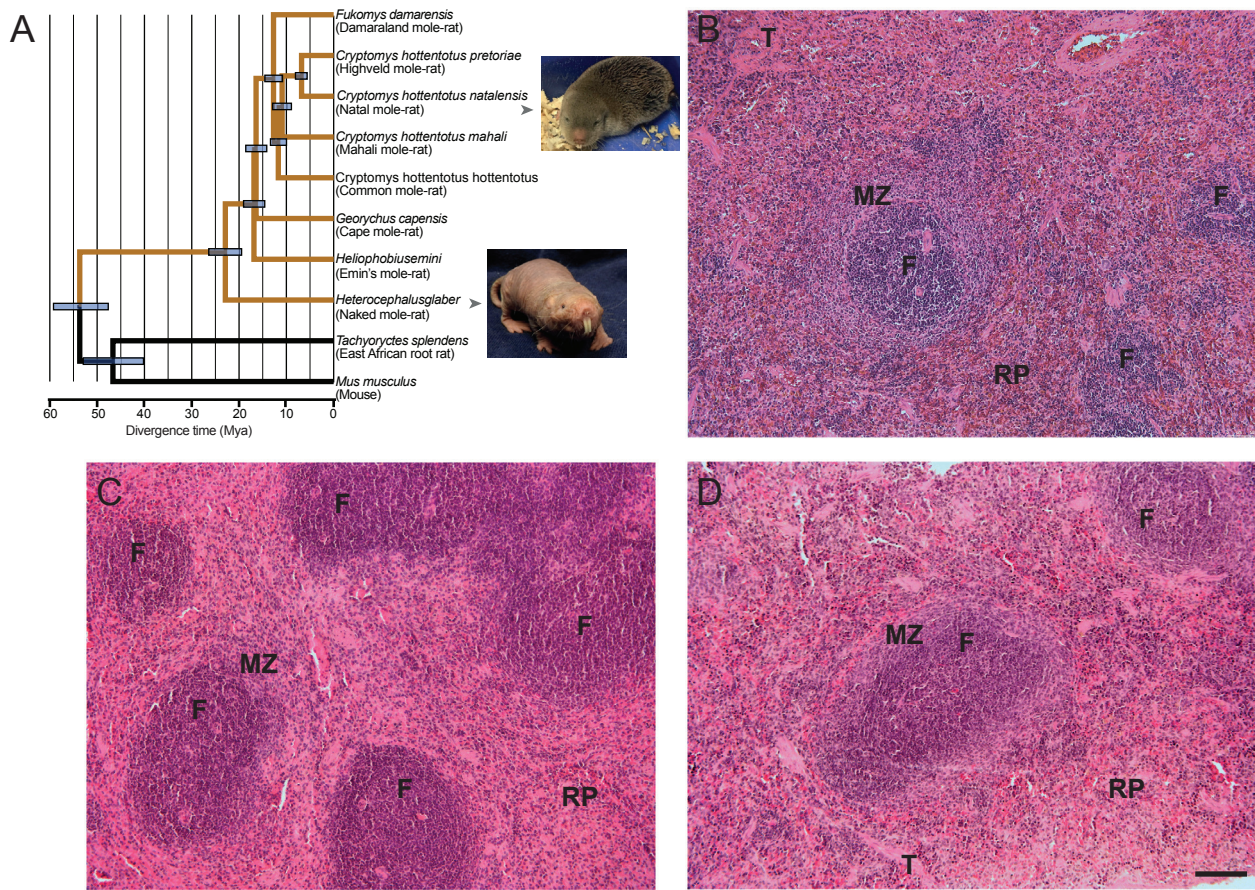


Fig. S4



**Fig. S4: Spleen morphology of rat, Natal and Highveld mole-rats.**

**(A)** Phylogenetic tree of known African mole-rats modified from [3]. **(B-D)** H&E staining of the spleen of rat (B), Natal (C) and Highveld (D) mole-rats showing the presence of follicles (F) and a classical red pulp/white pulp ratio for rodents. MZ: marginal zone, RP: red pulp, T: trabeculae. Scale bar = 100  $\mu$ m.