Table 2 Proximate composition (g/100 g) of some wild animal species and selected domestic animals

Species	Moisture	Protein	Fat	Ash
Rodentia				
Paraxerus cepapi	74.3	21.0	3.2	1.5
Aethomys kaiseri	73.1	19.1	3.0	2.0
Cricetomys gambianus	49.1	42.6	4.7	2.6
Dasysmys sp.	71.7	21.0	4.0	2.0
Lophuromys flavopunctatus	66.7	27.5	2.9	2.6
Praomys sp.	70.0	19.8	7.0	2.0
Saccostomus campestris	68.4	19.0	10.2	2.2
Thamnomys sp.	70.7	16.3	3.4	2.0
Pelomys fallax	75.1	19.9	2.8	1.8
Hystrix africae-australis	48.0	45.8	41	1.7
Thryonomys swinderianus	52.0	28.0	16.8	2.9
Cryptomys hottentotus	69.2	16.6	9.9	1.8
Carnivora				
Long-snouted mongoose Herpestes naso	72.7	18.8	1.9	3.3
Forest Genet Genetta pardina	31.8	55.4	9.3	6.0
Suidae				
Red river hog	70.1	23.8	1.6	1.1
Potamochoerus aethiopicus				
Artiodactyla				
Royal antelope Neotragus pygmaeus	74.5	23.4	0.9	1.2
Crown duiker Cephalophus sp	74.6	20.8	3.4	1.2
Grey duiker Sylvicapra grimmia	59.5	33.4	2.0	4.0
Bushbuck Tragelaphus scriptus	47.6	50.9	12.2	3.7
Domestic animals				
Cow (beef)				
Sheep (Mutton)	73.8	19.6	12.0	
Pig (Pork)	78.5	17.2	2.9	
	64.8	19.4	13.4	

Sources: Ajayi *et al.* (1978); Ajayi (1979); Ajayi & Tewe (1979); Malaisse & Parent (1982).