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Three strains isolated from *Apodemus* spp. were similar to *Bartonella* species on the basis of phenotypic characteristics. Furthermore, genotypic analysis based on sequence analysis of the 16S rRNA and *gltA* genes and on DNA-DNA hybridization showed that the three isolates represented a distinct and new species of *Bartonella*. The name *Bartonella birtlesii* is proposed for the new species. The type strain of *B. birtlesii* sp. nov. is IBS 325T (= CIP 106294T = CCUG 44360T).

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