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1 **Abstract**

2 The EU Directive on the sustainable use of pesticides (EU128/2009/EC) requires European
3 Member States to develop training activities targeting occupational exposure to pesticides,
4 and communication material aimed at residents and bystanders. Risk perceptions, knowledge
5 and attitudes associated with passive and occupational exposure to pesticide potentially
6 influence the extent to which different stakeholders adopt self-protective behaviour. A
7 methodology for assessing the link between attitudes, adoption of self-protective behaviours
8 and exposure was developed and tested. A survey was implemented in the Greece, Italy and
9 the UK, and targeted stakeholders associated with pesticide exposure linked to orchards,
10 greenhouse crops and arable crops respectively. The results indicated that the adoption of
11 protective measures is low for residents and bystanders, with the exception of residents in
12 Greece, when compared to operators and workers, who tend to follow recommended safety
13 practices. A regression analysis was used to examine the factors affecting the probability of
14 adopting protective measures as well the as the level of exposure in the case of operators and
15 workers where data are available. The results indicate that the likelihood of engaging in self-
16 protective behaviour is not significantly affected by perceptions of own health being affected
17 by pesticides for residents and bystanders. However, operators who perceive that their health
18 has been negatively affected by the use of pesticides are found to be more likely to adopt self-
19 protective behaviours. Gender and country differences, in perceptions, attitudes and self-
20 protection are also observed. Recommendations for improved communication, in particular
21 for vulnerable groups, are provided.

22 **Keywords:** Worker; Operator; Resident; Bystander; Exposure; Pesticide; Agriculture; Risk
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24 **Running Head:** Perceived pesticide exposure risk

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34 1. Introduction

35
36 The recently revised EU Directive on the Sustainable Use of Pesticides (EU128/2009/EC)
37 requires European Member States to develop training activities targeting occupational
38 exposure to pesticides, as well as communication material aimed at residents and bystanders
39 (EC, 2009). To accomplish this, it is important to develop an understanding of the
40 perceptions and attitudes of different stakeholders' regarding risks from pesticide exposure,
41 and how these perceptions translate into adoption of protective behaviours (see, *inter alia*,
42 Koh and Jeyaratnam,1996; Palis *et al.*, 2006; Yasin *et al.*, 2002). However, there is little
43 empirical evidence available to link risk perceptions and attitudes of European workers and
44 operators to their adoption of protective behaviours (Remoundou *et al.*, 2014). Even less is
45 known about residents and bystanders in this regard. In the research presented here,
46 "workers" are defined as a person who, as part of his/her employment, enters an area that has
47 previously been treated with pesticides or who handles a crop that has been treated with
48 pesticides, in line with the EFSA (2010) definition. The same source defines "operators" as
49 those individuals employed in pesticide application. "Residents" are defined as individuals
50 living or working in areas adjacent to those where pesticides are applied, and "bystanders" as
51 individuals who are inadvertently exposed to agricultural pesticides through non-agricultural
52 activities, for example through engagement in leisure activity in areas which have recently
53 been sprayed. Risks to residents and bystanders may include inadvertent dermal and
54 inhalation exposure from sprayed fields, contact with treated crops during amenity visits
55 (Butler-Ellis, van den Berg and Kennedy 2013). A recent review of the literature located only
56 three studies conducted in Europe examining perceptions and attitudes of operators and
57 residents, although there is a literature drawing on data collected in developing countries and
58 the US (Remoundou *et al.*, 2014). However, the existing evidence is not conclusive with
59 regard to the association between risk perceptions and adoption of protective behaviours.
60 High levels of risk perception associated with pesticide exposure, and levels of knowledge
61 about the associated risks, are often observed, but these do not always translate into better use
62 of, and adherence to, advice about self-protective behaviour and equipment use (Remoundou
63 *et al.*, 2014). Other factors, such as economic and employment pressures, and those related to
64 peer group influences and culture, appear to influence risk-related behaviours.

65 Illiteracy may result in difficulties in understanding labels on pesticide containers, or written
66 risk communications about how to avoid exposure. There is evidence that illiteracy is an
67 important barrier to the adoption of self-protective behaviours in the developing world,

68 including agricultural workers (e.g. see Kimani and Mwabthi, 1995; Pasiani *et al.*, 2012;
69 Stadlinger *et al.*, 2011; Salameh *et al.*, 2004; Karunamoorthi *et al.*, 2011; Blanco-Muñoz and
70 Lacasaña, 2011).

71 For workers and operators in particular, difficulties in implementing appropriate protection
72 may also exist in relation to access and use of protective clothing (e.g. Flocks *et al.*, 2012).
73 Perceived or actual work pressures may also result in inappropriate behaviours in these
74 stakeholder groups (Arcury *et al.*, 2002; Austin *et al.*, 2001). Peer pressure (Heong *et al.*,
75 2012) may also influence the behaviours of workers and operators. Lack of knowledge, for
76 example, in relation to when treatments should be applied, or regarding the extent to which
77 pesticides represent a hazard, may also discourage adoption of self-protective behaviours
78 (Obopile *et al.*, 2008). Similarly, the perception that resistance to pesticide risks will occur
79 after years of exposure, or that a person's ability to control their own exposure to pesticides is
80 limited, is likely to result in lower adoption of protective behaviour (Flocks *et al.*, 2007;
81 Arcury *et al.*, 2002; Cabrera, 2009). Finally, adoption of heavy protective clothing may be
82 uncomfortable in warmer climates or conditions, indicating the need to compare perceptions
83 and the adoption of self-protective behaviours across countries in different climatic regions
84 (e.g. Berg *et al.*, 2001; De Almeida *et al.*, 2012).

85 Furthermore, in the majority of the available studies, data have been collected in the
86 developing world, and may be influenced by local cultural factors (Remoundou *et al.*, 2014).
87 The results may not, as a consequence, directly translate to the European context.
88 Furthermore, there is a paucity of data relating to the link between the risk perceptions and
89 adoption of self-protective behaviours *of residents and bystanders*. Lack of knowledge of, for
90 example, the extent to which pesticides represent a hazard may also militate against the
91 adoption of self-protective behaviours (Barraza *et al.*, 2011; Ntow *et al.*, 2006).

92 The need for further research into the relationship between risk perceptions and attitudes, and
93 adoption of self-protective behaviours, is thus often stressed (Remoundou *et al.*, 2014; Emery
94 *et al.*, accepted). The research presented here addresses this gap by assessing the risk
95 perceptions and related attitudes held by operators, workers, residents, and bystanders in 3
96 European countries (Greece, Italy and the UK). Data were collected as part of a wider survey
97 aiming to measure and model pesticide exposure and inform the revision of the risk
98 assessment models in Europe. An important aim of the research was to demonstrate the utility
99 of the methodologies applied, and to assess differences between *stakeholder groups* and

100 *countries*. To our knowledge, this is the first study presenting European evidence regarding
101 the potential link between risk perceptions, attitudes and protective behaviours related to
102 pesticide exposure for residents and bystanders. The methodological approach represents,
103 therefore, a valuable tool in developing understanding of the drivers of pesticide exposure in
104 the stakeholder groups included in the research. Information of relevance to the design of
105 training materials which build on existing perceptions, attitudes, and behaviours of different
106 stakeholder groups has also been identified.

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108 **2. Methodological Approach and Empirical Research Hypotheses**

109 Various factors may potentially influence the adoption of safety behaviours and thus the
110 degree of pesticide exposure. The research presented here aims to present a methodology for
111 assessing the link between perceptions and attitudes regarding self-protective behaviours
112 associated with pesticide exposure, which can be replicated in other regions, countries and
113 national contexts, facilitating the targeting of risk communication to the needs of different
114 stakeholder groups. It is predicted that the extent to which individuals will adopt protective
115 measures regarding pesticide exposure will increase if they perceive more personal health
116 risks to have been associated with pesticide exposure, and are more worried about the future.
117 Demographic differences were also taken into account in the analysis, as individual
118 differences have been reported in the literature (for example, in relation to gender). The
119 empirical analysis applies multivariate regression to modelling adoption of protective
120 behaviours, A , for individual i as a function of demographic characteristics D , perception of
121 personal health being affected by pesticides H , and worry about the future, F as;

$$122 \quad A_i = f(D_i, H_i, F_i) + \varepsilon_i \quad (1)$$

123 where ε is a normally distributed residual. H and F refer specifically to stated agreement to
124 the following two statements:

- 125 – *I think that my health has been affected by exposure to pesticides (H)*
- 126 – *I do not spend a big part of my time worrying about the future (F)*

127 It is predicted that higher perceptions of health damage due to exposure to pesticides will
128 result in greater protective behaviour (i.e. higher A), (Lichtenberg and Zimmerman, 1999).
129 Similarly, greater concern to the future (a low F) should result in more frequent adoption of

130 protective behaviours. Similarly, F is treated as a proxy for time preferences and it is
 131 expected that greater concern about the future (a low F) will result in more frequent adoption
 132 of protective behaviours and therefore lower exposure risk. This hypothesis is consistent with
 133 previous evidence suggesting that time preferences are likely to influence individual
 134 behaviour in general, and behaviour related to health outcomes in particular. More future-
 135 oriented individuals are less likely to engage in risky health behaviours such as smoking,
 136 drinking, drug use or unhealthy dietary habits (Connell-Price and Jamison, 2012). Time
 137 preferences are also found to be associated with adoption of protective behaviours.
 138 Individuals who greatly discount the future and show little regard for future health
 139 consequences are less likely to engage in protective behaviours (Lawless *et al.*, 2013). There
 140 is, however, no research examining the importance of time preferences in the context of the
 141 risks associated with pesticide exposure. Nevertheless, the existence of a *present bias* may
 142 explain low adoption of protective behaviours designed to protect against pesticide exposure
 143 since such behaviours require people to sacrifice present pleasure for future benefits.

144 These working hypotheses are tested using primary data collected from 3 European countries.
 145 Data are collected from the general public (residents and bystanders), operators applying
 146 pesticides in agricultural production, and workers performing tasks in crops treated with
 147 pesticides. H and F in equation (1) are a series of dummy variables taking a value $k = 1, \dots, 5$,
 148 leading to the estimable equation

$$149 \quad A_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 D_i + \sum_{k=1}^5 \gamma_k H_i^k + \sum_{n=1}^5 \alpha_n F_i^n + \varepsilon_i \quad (2)$$

150 For residents, bystanders and operators equation (2) is first estimated, with A being the
 151 likelihood of adoption of protective behaviours. A is therefore modelled as a binary indicator
 152 that observes whether an individual adopts protective behaviours. For residents and
 153 bystanders, this refers to whether individuals do anything to protect themselves from
 154 exposure. For operators, A refers to whether they use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
 155 when mixing/loading and applying pesticides and cleaning equipment used for pesticide
 156 application. A question on the use of PPE was not asked for workers and therefore the
 157 likelihood of adopting PPE for this group is not modelled.

158 For operators and workers, information regarding exposure risks is also available. Exposure
 159 risks are calculated for each individual using the BROWSE Exposure Assessment Software.

160 The software uses new exposure models for operators and workers developed by the
161 BROWSE project. The user can specify the exposure scenario and input values for several
162 parameters (factors influencing exposure eg. normal work clothing, working time) to get
163 exposure estimates. More information on the BROWSE Exposure Assessment Software, the
164 underlying models, a trial version and initial comparisons with existing models can be found
165 at <https://secure.fera.defra.gov.uk/browse/software/>

166 In this case, A is a continuous variable showing the level of exposure (workers) or exposure
167 reduction (operators). The dependent variables are explained in the following subsections.

168 **2.1 Adoption of protective behaviours**

169 Adoption of protective behaviours can be intended as a latent variable A_i^* mirroring a
170 continuous scale of use. Specifically, individuals with a positive propensity for adopting
171 protective behaviours are assigned a value of adoption of one, and zero otherwise, as:

$$172 \begin{aligned} A_i &= 1 & \text{if } & A_i^* \geq 0 \\ A_i &= 0 & \text{if } & A_i^* < 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

173 This approach allows an unobservable continuous measure of adoption to be dealt with by
174 associating a probability to the occurrence of a positive outcome. The relation between a
175 covariate and an outcome probabilistically, given that specific factors may increase or
176 decrease the probability of adoption, can then be observed.

177 For the residents and bystanders, the question aiming to assess adoption of protective
178 measures was framed as: ‘*Do you do anything to reduce your exposure to pesticides while in,*
179 *or adjacent to, farmland, orchards or greenhouses?*’ Respondents could reply by indicating
180 either “yes” or “no”. The binary indicator then takes the value of 1 if the respondent replies
181 yes and 0 otherwise.

182 In the case of operators, adoption has been measured with respect to self-protective
183 behaviours associated with mixing and loading; application; and cleaning. Operators were
184 asked whether they always, when specified in the Plant Protection Product label or never use
185 PPE during the above activities. The binary indicator then takes the value of 1 if the operator
186 reports using PPE during the relevant activity (either always or when specified in the label)
187 and 0 otherwise. In this case, marginal effects for F_i^1 (the same applies to all dummies) in
188 equation (1’) correspond to:

189
$$\frac{\partial \Pr(A_i | D_i, H_i, F_i^k)}{\partial F_i^k} = \phi(\delta_i, F_i^1 = 1) \cdot \alpha_1 - \phi(\delta_i, F_i^1 = 0) \cdot \alpha_1 \quad (4)$$

190 where
$$\delta_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 D_i + \sum_{k=1}^5 \gamma_k H_i^k + \sum_{n=2}^5 \alpha_n F_i^n + \varepsilon_i. \quad (5)$$

191 Since almost all operators indicated that they use protection for mixing and loading, the
 192 analysis was focused on pesticide application and cleaning of equipment.

193

194 **2.2 Exposure indicators**

195 The approach highlighted above provides an indication of whether individuals adopt or do
 196 not adopt specific protective behaviours. For operators and workers, information regarding
 197 exposure risks is calculated for each individual using the BROWSE software. The use of a
 198 proxy variable may introduce a measurement error in the dependent variable, with a
 199 consequent reduction in the efficiency of the estimator, but with no impact on its consistency
 200 (see e.g. Hausman, 2001). This approach follows a truncated dependent variable in the form:

201
$$\begin{aligned} E_i &= 1 & \text{if} & & E_i^* > 1 \\ E_i &= E_i^* & \text{if} & & 0 \geq E_i^* \geq 1 \\ E_i &= 0 & \text{if} & & E_i^* < 0 \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

202 where E represents exposure, and marginal effects are calculated using equation (4).

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204 **2.2.1 Operators**

205 For operators, the level of exposure has been measured through an “*Exposure Reduction*
 206 *Index*” (ERI) calculated as

207
$$\text{ERI} = 100 \cdot \frac{(\text{Potential exposure} - \text{Actual exposure})}{\text{Potential exposure}} \quad (7)$$

208 The index was calculated at the individual level using the BROWSE software assuming a
 209 common scenario for all individuals and allowing variations in the use of PPE, clothing and
 210 the use of the cabin for arable crops (<https://secure.fera.defra.gov.uk/browse/software/>,
 211 BROWSE, 2013a).

212 **2.2.2 Workers**

213 The level of exposure for workers uses a “*Migration Index*” (MI) calculated as:

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$$MI = \sum_j (\text{Body part surface area} \cdot \text{Migration factor} \cdot \% \text{ working time}) \quad (8)$$

215 where j refers to different activities. MI was again measured at individual level, and
216 separately for cold season and warm season using the BROWSE Worker model (BROWSE,
217 2013b; 2013c) on the basis of self-reported behaviours in relation to working clothes and PPE
218 worn during working activities.

219 **3. The survey**

220 The survey was developed in collaboration with pesticide exposure modellers working on the
221 BROWSE FP7 project. Part of the survey included items on risk perceptions and attitudes,
222 the focus of the current analysis. Four different versions of the survey were developed, each
223 targeting a different stakeholder group (namely, Operators, Workers, Residents, and
224 Bystanders). The structure of all four versions was similar with the questionnaire consisting 3
225 parts. The first part aimed to assess the level of actual exposure, and involved questions about
226 the channels and frequency of pesticide exposure, as well as about which measures were
227 adopted by respondents in order to reduce their personal exposure. It is important to note that
228 the questions differed between different versions of the questionnaire, as different stakeholder
229 groups were being surveyed. The second part aimed to assess risk perceptions associated with
230 pesticides exposure, and their participants’ general attitudes towards pesticides¹.

231 Data about risk perceptions and attitudes were collected by means of statements that the
232 respondent had to indicate the extent of their agreement or disagreement on a five-point
233 Likert scale, anchored by 1 (strongly agree) and 5 (strongly disagree). The statements were:
234 1: “*There are benefits from the use of pesticides relating to crop quality, appearance and*
235 *food safety*”; 2: “*I think that my health has been affected by exposure to pesticides*”; 3: “*I*
236 *consider myself to be more at risk from pesticides than other people*”; 4: “*I think the use of*
237 *pesticides in food production reduces the safety of food*”; 5: “*The health risks associated*

¹ Questions were also asked about their preferred information sources for pesticide risk communication, and the extent to which they trusted different sources. The results will be reported elsewhere. A copy of the survey instrument is available from the corresponding author on request.

238 *with pesticides are well understood by scientists*"; 6: *"I do not spend a big part of my time*
239 *worrying about the future*"; 7: *"I would financially contribute, through higher taxes, to*
240 *research and activities aimed at mitigating the adverse health effects of pesticides*".
241 Statements 2 and 6 are used to formulate our hypotheses and estimate equation (1).

242 The last part of the questionnaire collected information on the socio-demographic
243 characteristics of the participants including age, gender, income, occupational status,
244 presence of children (under 16) in the family and health satisfaction.

245 **3.1 Participants**

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247 Data collection took place between March and December 2012 in Greece, Italy and the UK
248 using primarily face-to-face interviews. The choice of the different countries aimed to cover
249 both the Northern and Southern regions of Europe. These regions differ considerably in
250 climatically conditions, which potentially affects exposure (for example, regarding the extent
251 to which wearing protective clothing is comfortable, or the type of crop being treated).
252 Cultural variables may also be influential, for example in relation to the size of farms,
253 proximity of housing, and behaviours regarding adoption of protective measures. Residents
254 and bystanders were randomly selected in high streets². Operators and workers were
255 interviewed on the farm after permission from the farm owner. The exception to face-to-face
256 interviewing occurred in the UK, additional data from operators and workers were collected
257 *via* a web survey developed using survey-monkey software. The web survey was deemed
258 suitable for operators and workers in the UK given the intensive nature of UK farming, in
259 particular during the summer when data collection took place, and because of the general
260 familiarity of UK farmers with web technologies as a consequence of the need to provide
261 internet data to DEFRA (Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs). An
262 advertisement with a link to the survey was placed in the Farmers Weekly magazine, a
263 nationally distributed UK magazine on farming issues with the highest circulation.

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² It should be noted that individuals living or working further than 20 meters from farmland, orchards or greenhouses (as the EFSA definition for residents requires) were included in the resident category. This decision was taken when participants firmly insisted that they were of the belief that they were a member of the resident category and they justified this by declaring that they were able to see machinery operating close to where they live.

265 The implementation of the survey resulted in 186 completed questionnaires the UK, 207 in
266 Italy and 223 in Greece. The number of participants in each country and each stakeholder
267 group are summarised in Table 1.

268 [Table 1 around here]

269 Interviews were conducted by researchers from the BROWSE project, following an agreed
270 protocol. Recruitment into stakeholder groups was based on the definitions of residents,
271 bystanders, operators, and workers adopted by the European Food Safety Authority, (EFSA),
272 the European risk assessment body for food and feed safety. The protocol clarified the
273 sampling and survey implementation principles for each stakeholder group on the basis of
274 maximizing the representativeness of the sample and of ensuring consistency of data
275 collection across the 3 different countries. Finally, one operator and five workers *per* farm
276 enterprise were interviewed (or the contractor in case that the farm contracted an operator).

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278 In Italy and the UK, an incentive in the form of a small gift or a charitable donation was used
279 respectively. No incentive was used in Greece³. The questionnaires were initially developed
280 in English and were translated and back translated into Greek and Italian by the researchers,
281 who also trained the interviewers. Targeted operator and worker groups differed between the
282 3 countries to reflect the priority crops, as identified by the exposure modellers within the
283 BROWSE project. It was therefore decided to interview and model exposure and risk
284 perceptions of Operators, Workers, Residents and Bystanders associated with pesticide
285 application to arable crops in the UK, wine grapes and greenhouses in Italy and greenhouse
286 vegetables and olives in Greece (Table 2).

287 [Table 2 around here]

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289 Types of crops are also included in this table. Note that types of crops utilised match those
290 selected for the Browse modelling activities, and are representative of the countries included
291 in the study. Note that residents and bystanders were surveyed in the same areas in each
292 country.

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294 **4. Results**

295 **4.1 Descriptive Statistics**

³ Different incentives were used given the different cultural contexts in the sampled countries. Although we cannot exclude some self-selection of the participants we are not expecting this to be linked with views on pesticides.

296 Table 3a summarises selected characteristics of respondents in the bystander and resident
297 category across the different countries, including all covariates included in the regression.
298 Table 3b reports similar statistics for workers and operators. For the later information on the
299 illiteracy rates is also gathered and reported in the tables.

300 [Table 3a around here]

301 [Table 3b around here]

302 **4.2 Adoption of protective behaviours**

303 Summary statistics indicate variability in the characteristics of the sample between countries.
304 An immediate empirical question is whether the observed differences in the adoption of
305 protective behaviours and exposure presented in Tables 3a and 3b are significantly different
306 between countries. ANOVA was applied to test for main effects, and pairwise comparisons
307 conducted using the Fisher-Hayter (FH) test; differences in variance were tested using a
308 Bartlett's test. The tests compared both the adoption variable (Table 4a) and the exposure
309 indicators (Table 4b). Results detect no significant differences in the likelihood of bystanders
310 adopting protective behaviours between the 3 countries ($FH_{UK \text{ vs } Greece}: 1.8$, $FH_{UK \text{ vs } Italy}: 1.33$,
311 $FH_{Italy \text{ vs } Greece}: 0.43$). However, the adoption of protective behaviours differed
312 significantly among groups: adoption is significantly higher in the UK for both residents
313 ($FH_{UK \text{ vs } Greece}: 9.64$, $FH_{UK \text{ vs } Italy}: 3.38$) and operators at the application ($FH_{UK \text{ vs } Greece}: 7.98$,
314 $FH_{UK \text{ vs } Italy}: 6.43$) and cleaning stage ($FH_{UK \text{ vs } Greece}: 9.18$). Adoption in Italy is
315 better than in Greece for residents ($FH_{Italy \text{ vs } Greece}: 6.25$) and operators at the cleaning stage
316 ($FH_{Italy \text{ vs } Greece}: 9.05$). No differences in operator exposure reduction were observed between
317 countries ($FH_{UK \text{ vs } Greece}: 2.14$, $FH_{UK \text{ vs } Italy}: 2.69$, $FH_{Italy \text{ vs } Greece}: 0.11$). However, the
318 migration coefficient is higher for workers in Italy compared to Greece in the warm period
319 ($FH_{Italy \text{ vs } Greece}: 3.35$). Moreover, exposure is higher in the UK compared to Greece (warm
320 period, $FH_{UK \text{ vs } Greece}: 4.73$) and Italy (cold period, $FH_{UK \text{ vs } Italy}: 2.99$). Finally, the
321 samples tend to have similar variances across all countries. The only exception is for
322 operators both in terms of adoption of protective behaviours (at application, $p < 0.000$) and in
323 terms of the exposure index, which have greater variance in the UK sample compared to both
324 Italy and Greece ($p < 0.000$).

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326 [Table 4a around here]

[Table 4b around here]

328 **4.3 Adoption of protective behaviours: Regression analysis**

329 The results indicate a substantial amount of national variation in the adoption of protective
330 behaviours designed to reduce risks of exposure to pesticides. To explore the sources of this
331 heterogeneity, regression analysis was used to examine the relationship between adoption of
332 protective behaviours, socioeconomic characteristics, country of residence as well as
333 perceptions and attitudes towards pesticides.

334 The results presented in Table 5 refer to the use of the binary adoption indicator described in
335 Section 2.1, which measures the likelihood of adopting protective behaviours for residents
336 and bystanders and probability of using PPE while applying pesticides or cleaning equipment
337 for operators. Given the binary nature of the dependent variable, probit models are estimated.
338 Table 5 reports the estimated parameters of the probit regression while the marginal effects
339 for the health and future variables are provided in figure 1, together with the bootstrapped
340 standard errors. The analysis specifies that all variables and observations are retained in the
341 maximization process. This option is typically not specified, and may introduce numerical
342 instability. Marginal effects are estimated forcing the retention of perfect predictor variables,
343 to avoid any observations from being dropped (the index relates to application). The
344 coefficients of the probit regressions indicate changes in the cumulative distribution function
345 of the probability and thus are only informative in terms of their sign, but not in their size
346 (see e.g. Greene, 2008). Furthermore, as specified above, participant responses to Likert
347 scales are included as a series of dummies. Thus the marginal effect is allowed to vary
348 without imposing any *a priori* relation between variables, e.g. they could show a linear as
349 well as a quadratic relation. The results are presented separately by group.

350 [Table 5 around here]

351 [Figure 1 around here]

352 **4.3.1 Residents and Bystanders**

353 Due to the low number of observations and the presence of several missing observations in
354 demographics, the model for the residents and bystanders shows parsimony by using only the
355 gender of the respondent (where male equals 1) and age (in years), which enters the
356 regression linearly. The model also includes country dummies, where UK is the baseline. The
357 results (Table 5) indicate that the likelihood of adopting protective behaviours is lower
358 among male residents ($p < 0.000$), and significantly higher among Greek ($p < 0.000$) and Italian

359 (p<0.087) residents relative to UK. Figure 1 further suggests that the “future” variable
360 negatively impacts on the likelihood of adoption for both residents and bystanders.
361 Conforming to expectations, individuals caring less about the future tend not to adopt
362 protective behaviours. The explanatory power is weak for the sample of bystanders, while the
363 model is stronger for the sample of residents.

364 For both residents and bystanders, the perception that personal health was damaged by
365 pesticides did not result in higher (stated) adoption of protective behaviours. In fact, adoption
366 of protective behaviours is unresponsive to changes in perceived health damage from
367 pesticide exposure (see figure 1). As a result, respondents did not view the adoption of
368 protective behaviours as relevant, potentially because the damage to health was perceived to
369 have already occurred (e.g. it was too late to intervene by adopting protective behaviours), or
370 because respondents were unable to adjust their behaviours to be more protective despite
371 being aware of the damage of pesticide exposure to health.

372 **4.3.2 Operators**

373 The methodological approach used for operators was similar to that used for residents and
374 bystanders. As before, demographics played a minor role in influencing the behaviour of
375 respondents (all males), but some country differences were identified. The Italian sample
376 tended to perform significantly better than the UK in terms of adoption of PPE while
377 applying pesticides (p<0.020). Greek operators were associated with a lower probability of
378 adopting PPE while cleaning compared to their UK counterparts (p<0.000). However,
379 problems of multicollinearity caused large standard errors to be associated with the estimated
380 coefficients in some of the dummy variables in the model, limiting inference. The results
381 further suggest that adoption of protective behaviours was not related to perceptions held by
382 respondents about their own health, nor concerns about the future. This is confirmed by
383 marginal effects. However, figure1 indicates that there may be a weakly positive relation
384 between health and behaviour, particularly in relation to cleaning, as well as a higher level of
385 adoption of protective behaviours by individuals who report low interest in the future. This
386 lack of significance may be attributable to collinearity, but the present dataset does not allow
387 further analysis regarding this issue.

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390 **4.4 Exposure indicator: Regression analysis**

391 The analysis described in section 4.3 was re-conducted for the index measuring exposure to
392 pesticides for operators and workers. This approach allows analysis of the data obtained from
393 sample of workers at the expense of a reduced sample size in some of the samples due to
394 missing observations. Regressions replicate the previous exercise, using the same covariates,
395 but are adjusted because of the dependent variable: the dependent variable is truncated for
396 both operators (ranging from 0 to 100) and workers (ranging from 0 to 1), and the estimation
397 uses a Tobit regression with double truncations. The results are presented in Table 6, while
398 marginal effects are displayed in Figure (2) together with bootstrapped standard errors (1,000
399 replications).

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403 **4.4.1 Workers**

404 To approximate for workers' exposure, a 'migration index' is calculated using the BROWSE
405 software for the warm and the cold seasons. A higher migration index indicates a higher
406 exposure. The regression results suggest that, in both seasons, demographics are not
407 associated to a change in exposure. Country differences are only evident in warm periods,
408 with Italian workers having a higher migration index compared to their UK counterparts
409 ($p=0.077$). The results presented in figure 2 further suggest that an individual's perceptions of
410 own health being negatively affected by pesticides does not significantly influence exposure.
411 Finally, time preferences are not found to be a significant determinant of exposure. The
412 models tend to have a low predictive power, a feature that can also be observed in the
413 relatively low rate of success in the bootstrapping procedure of the marginal effects (around
414 87%).

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416 **4.4.2 Operators**

417 As for 2.2.1, an 'Exposure Reduction Index' was developed using the BROWSE software to
418 approximate operator exposure. This was used as the dependent variable in the regression
419 analysis. Mirroring the results for workers, exposure did not vary with demographic
420 characteristics of operators. However, exposure reduction was significantly lower (therefore
421 exposure was higher) in Italy ($p<0.005$) and Greece ($p<0.05$) compared to the UK for this
422 group. The results further indicate that the level of concern about the future does not relate to
423 the level of exposure. Nevertheless, individuals who believed that their health had been
424 negatively affected by exposure to pesticides had a lower reduction index and thus higher
425 exposure to pesticides. This might imply that individuals who believe that their health has
426 already been damaged by exposure to pesticides are less likely to adopt protective
427 behaviours. Marginal effects (figure 2) confirm these relationships.

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429 **5. Discussion**

430 Understanding the risk perceptions and risk attitudes of different stakeholders' regarding
431 pesticide exposure is important if risk communication programs and policy responses aimed
432 at reducing pesticide exposure through adoption of self-protective behaviours are to be
433 effective in achieving public health goals. The need to optimise public health in relation to

434 pesticide exposure has been the focus of recent policy documents. These documents reflect
435 the observation that inappropriate stakeholder exposure to pesticides represents a significant
436 source of mortality and morbidity worldwide (WHO 2003; Pimentel 1996). However,
437 understanding *how* to tailor risk communication messages to the needs of *different*
438 stakeholder groups must take account of (potential differences in) risk perceptions, which, as
439 the results presented here have shown, tend to vary between individual groups of stakeholders
440 in a predictable way.

441 The research presented here has built on the existing literature investigating how risk
442 perceptions and attitudes held by stakeholder groups potentially affected exposure to
443 pesticides. This literature has drawn heavily on data from developing countries or immigrant
444 samples in the US where pesticide-related health effects are more pronounced. In addition,
445 the focus of the research has been on agricultural workers or pesticide operators rather than
446 residents and bystanders. As a consequence, evidence from European populations is required
447 to inform the development and implementation of effective risk communication strategies as
448 required by the EU Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive. A methodology for so doing is
449 presented. An important finding is that there are low levels of adoption of protective
450 behaviours by residents and bystanders (with the exception of residents in Greece), who may
451 therefore be particularly vulnerable to the negative effects of pesticide exposure. Against this,
452 the majority of operators appear to engage in self-protective behaviours, and it may be
453 broadly concluded that risk communication and training targeting operators in Europe
454 regarding pesticide exposure is effective. None-the-less, differences within these groups were
455 also observed. For example, operators who perceived that their health was being negatively
456 affected by the use of pesticides were found to be more likely to adopt self-protective
457 behaviours (see also Lichtenberg and Zimmerman, 1999). The predicted relationship between
458 an individual's concern about the future and increased likelihood of adoption of protective
459 measures was not observed for operators. This might be because people's concerns about the
460 future were not operationalised in terms of their health, but were related to other areas of
461 concern (for example, fiscal or other socio-economic issues). Risk communication might
462 usefully emphasise the potential long-term health impacts of exposure to pesticides. The
463 provision of concrete and actionable recommendations regarding how exposure can be
464 avoided, tailored to the needs and abilities of different stakeholder groups, would also
465 provide the basis for behavioural changes regarding exposure. Other factors, however, may
466 also influence the extent to which risk communication is effective. For example, the *drivers*

467 of an individual's risk perceptions and tendency to adopt of protective behaviours may vary
468 within a stakeholder group. For example, individuals who perceive that their health has
469 already been affected by exposure to pesticides *may* also perceive that, because damage has
470 already been done, that any further attempts to limit pesticide exposure through adoption of
471 self-protective behaviours would have limited health benefit. Alternatively, these individuals
472 may believe that exposure results in "immunity" to negative effects of exposure (Yasin *et al* ,
473 2002) or that pesticide exposure only negatively effects vulnerable or weaker individuals
474 (Salazar, 2004). Risk communication efforts may usefully, therefore, target these erroneous
475 perceptions in order to encourage the adoption of self-protective behaviours. A focus for risk
476 communication strategies might be, therefore, communication about the potentially negative
477 effects of pesticides on human health following exposure, independent of whether previous
478 exposure has taken place. This will address any potential stakeholder confusion about dose-
479 response relationships and human health impacts associated with pesticide exposure.
480 Furthermore, the content of risk communication should emphasise that adverse health effects
481 associated with pesticide exposure are chronic rather than acute, with the aim of altering time
482 preferences and ensuring people are more "future-oriented" regarding health impacts.
483 Research has shown that training and educational activities can make people more willing to
484 make investments (for example, in terms of behaviour changes) that involve short-term costs
485 for long-term benefits (Cawley and Ruhm, 2011). However, illiteracy is an important barrier
486 to the adoption of self-protective behaviours. Our study pointed to significant illiteracy rates
487 in Southern Europe particularly among migrant workers in Greece. This represents a
488 challenge in the design of appropriate training and communication material.

489 Awareness raising campaigns are particularly needed in order to inform residents and
490 bystanders about the exposure risks associated with living in proximity to, or entering, fields
491 which are being sprayed. An important element of such campaigns is the provision of
492 information to residents and bystanders regarding concrete and actionable protective
493 behaviours that they can take to reduce their exposure, given that there are greater limitations
494 in behavioural responses. Health behaviour and adoption of protective behaviours has been
495 found to be responsive to information for a number of health hazards (Dupas, 2011).
496 However, provision of information is not always found to be enough to reduce risky
497 behaviours. Research has indicated that different messages and message delivery may be
498 effective in different contexts in order to convince people to adopt protective behaviours
499 (Dupas 2011).

500 Some demographic differences were also observed. Female residents were found to have
501 significantly higher risk perceptions and be more likely to engage in safety practices than
502 male residents. Higher risk perceptions for women compared to men have been found for
503 other areas of risk perception research (e.g. Flynn *et al*, 1994; Cabrera and Leckie, 2009).
504 This finding supports the link between risk perception and adoption of self-protective
505 behaviours, as well as confirming the tendency for women to have greater risk perception and
506 adopt less risky behaviours when compared to men

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508 The research presented here has provided a methodology which can be used to assess the
509 links between perceptions, the tendency of an individual to adopt self-protective behaviours,
510 and exposure to pesticides. Broadly, it can be concluded that a relationship between
511 perceptions, associated attitudes, and exposure holds for most of the stakeholder groups
512 included in the analysis, as well as the different countries in which data were collected.
513 However, the existence of differences in absolute levels of (for example) adoption of
514 protective behaviours between countries suggests that cultural variation in perceptions,
515 attitudes and behaviours exists even within Europe, and thus it is recommended that further
516 research is conducted within the different stakeholder groups at the national level, in order to
517 facilitate the tailoring of risk communication efforts to the needs of national communities. It
518 should be noted that the results are less helpful in addressing some potentially profound
519 cultural and linguistic barriers to effective risk communication. For example, the problem of
520 language remains, as many of those exposed to the risks associated with pesticides many not
521 understand the dominant language used in a particular country (in particular migrant workers
522 or tourists). Some intuitive solutions (for example, communication using pictograms) may
523 also misinterpreted by stakeholders (Emery *et al*, in press). Thus, while the research has
524 identified the need to develop effective communication, in particular that targeting residents
525 and bystanders, the format (or formats) most suited to the needs of different stakeholder
526 groups requires further consideration.

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528 Some important limitation of the research can also be identified, and these may need to be
529 addressed in the design of future research studies. The first relates to the risk perception
530 measures utilised in the survey, which were limited for pragmatic reasons (the length of time
531 needed to complete the survey needed to be as short as possible). However, it is arguable that
532 other risk perceptions factors might also be efficacious predictors of protective behaviours.

533 Prominent among these is “optimistic bias”, or the extent to which an individual considers
534 themselves to be less at risk from a particular hazard compared to the risk applicable to an
535 average member of the society in which they live (Weinstein, 1980; Weinstein, 1996).
536 Generally, the more people perceive that they have control over exposure to a hazard, the
537 greater their optimistic bias (Klein and Helweg-Larsen, 2002). Factors which influence the
538 extent to which people experience optimistic bias linked to personal risk estimates associated
539 with different hazards include negative mood, dysphoria, trait and state anxiety, event
540 severity, and proximity of feedback, and control related factors (e.g. perceived control over
541 exposure to the hazard, and prior experience of the negative impacts of the hazard (Helweg-
542 Larsen, and Shepperd, (2001). If the stakeholders addressed in this study are failing to adopt
543 protective measures because of optimistic bias, risk communication is unlikely to be effective
544 unless it builds on those psychological factors which will reduce it. Further examination of
545 the potential impacts of optimistic bias on the efficacy of communication in relation to self-
546 protection against pesticides is justified.

547 A second limitation relates to sample sizes across the different types of crops and stakeholder
548 groups. The possibility remains that the lack of significant effects for some relationships may
549 reflect sample size limitations rather than lack of relationship. Despite this, significant
550 relationships suggest that the research has provided a methodology which can be used to
551 assess the links between risk perceptions, associated relevant attitudes (for example,
552 perceptions of health status and concerns about the future), the tendency of an individual to
553 adopt self-protective behaviours, and exposure to pesticides.

554 A third limitation is the lack of exposure measures for residents and bystanders as the only
555 available data relates to whether they adopt protective measures. Although the variable
556 ‘adoption of protective measures’ has been studied in relation to risk perceptions (measured
557 by agreement to the statement ‘I think that my health has been affected by exposure to
558 pesticides’) and attitudes (measured by the statement ‘I do not spend a big part of my time
559 worrying about the future’), further research examining the relationship between perceptions,
560 and attitudes for residents and bystanders is needed.

561 A further limitation of this research is the lack of clarity regarding what measures would be
562 the most appropriate to align the risk perception of residents and bystanders with exposure.
563 This is in part a consequence of the sample size. However, the population of residents and
564 bystanders is important considering both public health goals and the implementation of the

565 sustainable use directive. First, we would recommend that training materials targeting
566 residents and bystanders be developed and tested using changes in risk perceptions and risk-
567 related behaviours as indicators of their effectiveness. It is also suggested that additional risk
568 attitudes be incorporated into this research (for example, the extent to which such training
569 materials influence optimistic biases about personal exposure to pesticides, which may
570 represent an important barrier to effective risk communication or adoption of self protective
571 behaviours). Second, the populations of residents and bystanders surveyed need to be
572 increased both in numbers and in terms of geographical range, in order to generate
573 information of direct relevance to the development of effective risk communication with all
574 stakeholders following implementation the sustainable use directive, including the
575 circumstances where adoption of protective measures are not required.

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577 **6. Conclusions**

578 It can be concluded that a relationship between risk perceptions, associated attitudes, and
579 exposure holds for most, but not all, of the stakeholder groups included in the analysis, as
580 well as within the different countries included. However, further research is needed to
581 understand the relation between risk perceptions and attitudes of residents and bystanders and
582 their tendency to adopt self-protective behaviours. Risk communication and training for
583 operators appears well understood, although some limitations regarding workers have been
584 identified, not least in relation to the problems associated with researching migrant or illegal
585 agricultural workers in Europe. The existence of differences in absolute levels of (for
586 example) protective behaviours between countries suggests that cultural variations in
587 perceptions, attitudes and behaviours exist even within Europe. It is recommended that
588 further research be conducted within the different stakeholder groups at the national level,
589 and that risk communication efforts are further tailored to the needs of national communities.
590 Developing and testing effective risk communication strategies aimed at residents and
591 bystanders represents an important priority.

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729 **Tables**

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731 Table 1: Survey Participants

	Residents	Bystanders	Operators	Workers
Greece	55	59	52	57
UK	51	60	51	24
Italy	52	54	41	60
Total	158	173	144	141

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750 Table 2. Areas of data collection for workers and operators in the three different countries
 751 included in the survey.

Country	Case study area	Crop
Greece	Messenia (Peloponnesus)	Olive trees
	Neapoli (Crete)	Olive trees
	Marathonas (Attica)	Greenhouse vegetables
	Messenia (Peloponnesus)	Greenhouse vegetables
	Tibaki (Crete)	Greenhouse vegetables
Italy	Emilia Romagna	Grapevine, Table grape
	Umbria	
	Piemonte	
	Puglia	
	Pistoia (Toscana)	Greenhouses
UK	Newcastle	Arable crops
	Alnwick	
	Hexham	
	Northallerton	
	Corbridge	
	Kent	
	East Anglia	

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753 **Table 3a:** Summary statistics – Bystanders and residents

	Variable	Bystanders			Residents		
		N	Mean	S.D.	N	Mean	S.D.
UK	Adoption (binary)	60	0.22	0.42	51	0.22	0.42
	Gender (male =1)	60	0.43	0.50	51	0.41	0.50
	Age (years)	60	46.83	17.82	50	51.20	17.04
	Health (<i>H</i>)	53	2.25	0.83	47	2.21	0.88
	Future (<i>F</i>)	60	2.97	1.19	50	3.38	1.18
	Income	57	3.60	1.21	49	3.22	1.50
	Greece	Adoption (binary)	59	0.32	0.47	55	0.8
Gender (male =1)		59	0.53	0.50	54	0.72	0.45
Age (years)		59	49.98	15.16	52	48.46	12.48
Health		56	3.45	1.39	52	3.08	1.22
Future		59	2.71	1.41	54	1.83	1.04
Income		47	3.43	1.04	45	3.62	0.96
Italy		Adoption (binary)	54	0.30	0.46	52	0.42
	Gender (male =1)	54	0.48	0.50	52	0.42	0.50
	Age (years)	52	39.81	17.52	51	41	14.65
	Health	54	3.15	1.02	49	2.92	1.08

	Future	53	2.32	1.12	52	2.23	1.754
	Income	47	3.21	1.00	36	3.33	1.04755

756 Notes: Income could take 5 levels: 1 corresponding to well above the mean income in the
757 country, 2 above mean income, 3 equal to mean income, 4 below mean income and 5 well
758 below mean income.

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774 **Table 3b:** Summary statistics – Workers and Operators

		Workers			Operators		
		N	Mean	S. D.	N	Mean	S. D.
UK	Mixing/loading- PPE use	n/a			36	1.00	0.00
	Application – PPE use	n/a			34	0.65	0.49
	Cleaning – PPE use	n/a			36	0.83	0.38
	Exposure Reduction Index	n/a			33	87.32	9.7
	Migration Index Cold	21	0.38	0.19	n/a		
	Migration Index Warm	21	0.38	0.27	n/a		
	Gender (1=male)	24	0.83	0.38	33	1.00	0.00
	Age (years)	24	40.54	12.36	31	46.19	13.07
	Health	22	2.41	1.01	32	2.22	1.10
	Future	23	3.13	0.87	33	3.09	1.04
	Income	20	2.9	0.97	28	2.61	0.96
	Not at all/somewhat competent in reading	20	0	0	20	0	0
	Not at all/somewhat competent in writing	20	0	0	20	0.05	0.22
	Not at all/ somewhat competent in speaking	20	0	0	20	0	0

Greece	Mixing/loading PPE use	n/a			51	0.86	0.35
	Application –PPE use	n/a			51	1.00	0.00
	Cleaning – PPE use	n/a			51	0.25	0.44
	Exposure Reduction Index	n/a			52	77.07	28.31
	Migration Index Cold	20	0.50	0.19	n/a		
	Migration Index Warm	20	0.48	0.35	n/a		
	Gender (1=male)	57	0.88	0.33	52	1.00	0.00
	Age (years)	57	37.93	13.23	52	45.27	11.33
	Health	54	2.59	1.19	51	2.94	1.30
	Future	57	1.82	0.97	52	1.83	1.08
	Income	43	4.26	0.95	34	3.59	0.96
	Not at all/somewhat competent in reading	54	0.5	0.50	52	0.17	0.38
	Not at all/somewhat competent in writing	54	0.5	0.50	52	0.17	0.38
	Not at all/ somewhat competent in speaking	56	0.36	0.48	52	0.08	0.27
Italy	Mixing/ loading – PPE use	n/a			39	0.97	0.16
	Application –PPE use	n/a			39	0.95	0.22

	Cleaning – PPE use	n/a			38	0.82	0.39
	Exposure Reduction Index	n/a			25	77.92	29.11
	Migration Index Cold	35	0.41	0.14	n/a		
	Migration Index Warm	35	0.68	0.27	n/a		
	Gender (1=male)	59	0.59	0.50	41	1.00	0.00
	Age (years)	59	45.17	12.56	40	51.35	11.62
	Health	52	2.65	1.05	39	2.56	1.07
	Future	56	2.36	1.23	40	2.05	0.90
	Income	47	4.21	0.66	28	2.64	0.87
	Not at all/somewhat competent in reading	42	0.12	0.33	41	0	0
	Not at all/somewhat competent in writing	42	0.19	0.40	41	0	0
	Not at all/ somewhat competent in speaking	42	0.05	0.22	41	0.02	0.16

775 Notes: Income could take 5 levels: 1 corresponding to well above the mean income in the
776 country, 2 above mean income, 3 equal to mean income, 4 below mean income and 5 well
777 below mean income.

778 n/a stands for not applicable. PPE use while mixing, loading and cleaning is only relevant to
779 operators. The exposure indicator is only calculated for operators whereas the migration
780 index for workers.

781 Exposure reduction index for operators and migration indexes for workers are calculated
782 using the BROWSE software.

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Table 4a: Test of differences in means and variances across samples: adoption of protective measures

		Bystanders		Residents		Operators - Application		Operators - Cleaning	
	Source	Parameter	Prob	Parameter	Prob.	Parameter	Prob.	Parameter	Prob.
ANOVA	Model	0.89	0.414	24.07***	0.000	17.26***	0.000	29.29***	0.000
	Country	0.89	0.414	5.25**	0.000	17.26***	0.000	29.29***	0.000
Bartlett's test (equal variances)	chi ²	1.0227	0.600	2.8026	0.246	19.7505***	0.000	1.0843	0.581
Fisher-Hayter	Critical values (5%)	2.7917		2.7936		2.7998		2.7996	
pairwise comparisons	UK vs Greece	1.8087		9.6431*		7.9779*		9.1906*	
	UK vs Italy	1.3361		3.3761*		6.4342*		0.2609	
	Italy vs Greece	0.4301		6.2517*		1.2065		9.0526*	
Descriptive	N	173		158		124		125	

statistics					
	R ²	0.0103	0.2370	0.222	0.3244
	Adjusted R ²	-0.0013	0.2271	0.209	0.3134

Note: * indicates significance at 10%, ** indicates significance at 5%, *** indicates significance at 1%.

Table 4b: Test of differences in means and variances across samples: exposure indicator

			Operators		Workers – cold		Workers - warm	
	Source		Parameter	Prob	Parameter	Prob	Parameter	Prob
ANOVA	Model		2.01	0.1395	2.70*	0.075	6.29***	0.003
	Country		2.01	0.1395	2.70*	0.075	6.29***	0.003
Bartlett's test (equal variances)	chi ²		34.5038***	0.000	2.2470	0.325	2.9567	0.228
Fisher-Hayter pairwise comparisons	Critical values (5%)		2.8044		2.8252		2.8252	
	UK vs Greece		2.1440		0.5895		4.7294*	
	UK vs Italy		2.6904		2.9957*		1.3041	
	Italy vs Greece		0.1123		2.7612		3.3462*	
Descriptive statistics	N		107		67		67	
	R ² (ANOVA)		0.0372		0.0777		0.1642	
	Adjusted R ²		0.0187		0.0489		0.1381	

	(ANOVA)				
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Note: *indicates significance at 10%, **indicates significance at 5%, *** indicates significance at 1%.

Table 5: Results of Multivariate regression analysis – Binary adoption (Probit model)

	Bystanders			Residents			Operators – application			Operators – cleaning		
	Coefficient	S.E.	p-value	Coefficient	S.E.	p-value	Coefficient	S.E.	p-value	Coefficient	S.E.	p-value
Intercept	-0.5533	0.5927	0.3510	-0.2875	0.6872	0.6760	-0.6881	0.9774	0.4810	1.3311*	0.8051	0.0980
Gender (male=1)	0.2293	0.2252	0.3090	-1.1613***	0.3000	0.0000	-			-		
Age (years)	-0.0090	0.0070	0.2010	0.0039	0.0091	0.6710	0.0059	0.0184	0.7490	-0.0162	0.0137	0.2360
Greece	0.3586	0.3074	0.2430	2.2517***	0.4284	0.0000				-1.7887***	0.4397	0.0000
Italy	0.0917	0.2974	0.7580	0.6154*	0.3596	0.0870	1.8229**	0.7851	0.0200	0.5708	0.5228	0.2750
UK	baseline			Baseline			Baseline			Baseline		
Health												
1	Baseline			Baseline			Baseline			Baseline		
2	0.7036	0.4776	0.1410	-0.0304	0.4181	0.9420	-0.4048	0.7479	0.5880	-0.4481	0.4783	0.3490
3	0.3427	0.5063	0.4990	0.3757	0.4429	0.3960	0.8343	0.6614	0.2070	0.2065	0.5128	0.6870
4	0.9079*	0.5006	0.0700	-0.0726	0.4639	0.8760	-			0.5898	0.5266	0.2630
5	0.3212	0.5383	0.5510	-0.6813	0.6441	0.2900	-			1.5081**	0.7148	0.0350
Future												
1	baseline			Baseline			Baseline			Baseline		
2	-0.4755	0.3110	0.1260	-0.1098	0.3259	0.7360	0.4524	0.7194	0.5290	-0.0148	0.3945	0.9700
3	-0.6771*	0.3824	0.0770	-0.6153	0.5666	0.2780	0.4212	0.8081	0.6020	0.1543*	0.5535	0.7800

4	-0.5905*	0.3377	0.0800	-0.4709	0.4151	0.2570	0.5692	0.8553	0.5060	1.3846*	0.7226	0.0550
5	-0.9105*	0.5142	0.0770	-0.8260	0.5164	0.1100	0.7581	1.4050	0.5890	1.2453*	0.7350	0.0900
Observations	160			143			50			114		
LR chi2	17.74		0.1238	63.17***		0.0000	11.44		0.1780	57.26***		0.0000
Log-likelihood	-87.1136			67.5036			-21.8345			-48.9617		
Pseudo R2	0.0924			0.3188			0.2076			0.3690		

Note: *, indicates significance at 10%, **indicates significance at 5%, *** indicates significance at 1%

Table 6: Results of Multivariate regression analysis – Exposure Indicators (Probit and Tobit models)

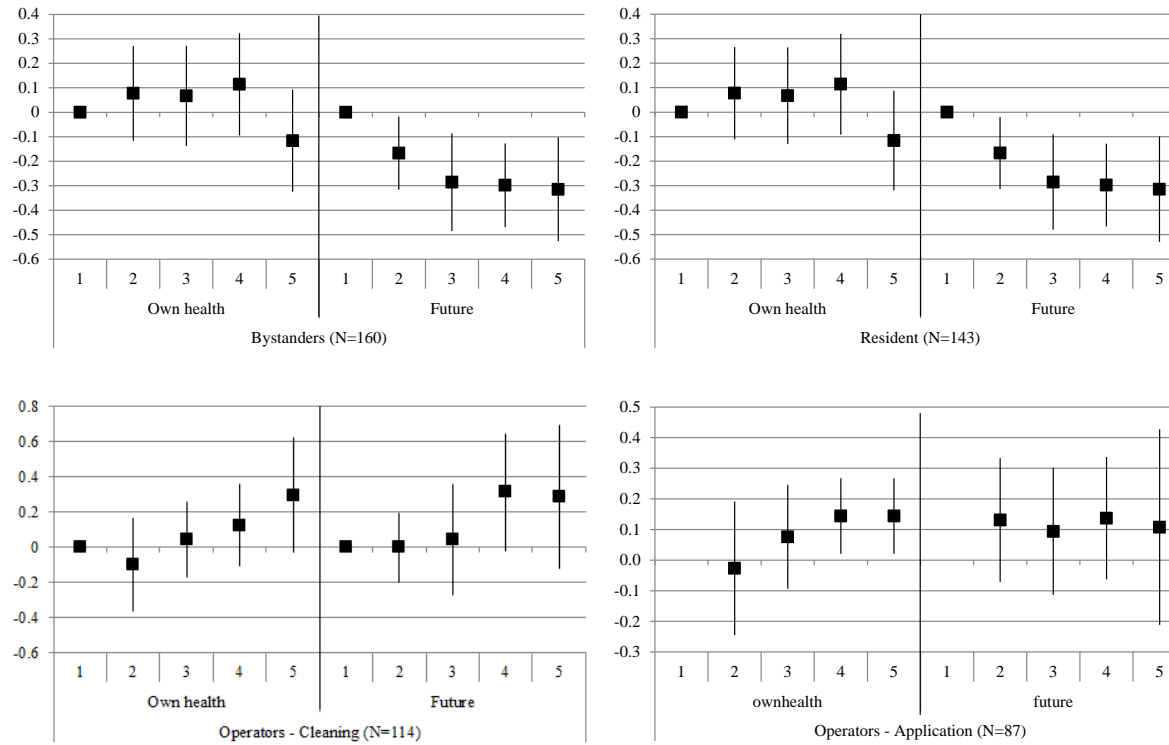
	Operators			Workers – cold			Workers - warm		
Model	Tobit			Tobit			Tobit		
	Coefficient	S.E.	p-value	Coefficient	S.E.	p-value	Coefficient	S.E.	p-value
Intercept	80.8083***	10.1410	0.0000	0.4385***	0.1540	0.0060	0.5976*	0.2995	0.0510
Gender (male=1)	-			0.0749	0.0549	0.1780	0.0453	0.1077	0.6760
Age (years)	0.1550	0.1814	0.3950	-0.0033	0.0023	0.1550	-0.0029	0.0045	0.5260
Greece	-12.1984**	5.8982	0.0410	0.0421	0.0828	0.6130	-0.0677	0.1639	0.6810
Italy	-20.6686***	6.8793	0.0030	0.0346	0.0700	0.6230	0.2497*	0.1384	0.0770
UK	Baseline			Baseline			Baseline		
Health	Baseline			Baseline			Baseline		
1	12.7379*	6.5550	0.0550	0.1099	0.0694	0.1190	0.0094	0.1354	0.9450
2	9.2351	6.6487	0.1680	-0.0413	0.0812	0.6130	-0.1691	0.1586	0.2910
3	9.9859	6.6344	0.1360	0.0823	0.1039	0.4320	0.0965	0.2016	0.6340
4	-29.1778***	9.3188	0.0020	0.1504	0.1034	0.1520	0.0554	0.2024	0.7850
5	Baseline			Baseline			Baseline		
Future	Baseline			Baseline			Baseline		
1	-2.7002	5.5522	0.6280	0.0040	0.0612	0.9480	-0.0526	0.1200	0.6630
2	-8.1966	7.8381	0.2980	-0.0492	0.0974	0.6150	-0.1138	0.1899	0.5510
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4	7.8153	7.9422	0.3280	-0.0597	0.0802	0.4600	-0.1685	0.1566	0.2870
5	-32.2218***	10.3812	0.0030	-0.3332**	0.1569	0.0380	0.0358	0.2911	0.9030
Sigma	20.5686	1.4193		0.1757	0.0170		0.3390	0.0357	
Observations	105			66			66		
LR chi2	39.80***		0.0000	20.53*		0.0576	15.41		21.9800
Log-likelihood	-466.4837			8.1176			-33.4418		
Pseudo R2	0.0409			4.7772			0.1873		

Note: *, indicates significance at 10%, ** indicates significance at 5%, *** indicates significance at 1%

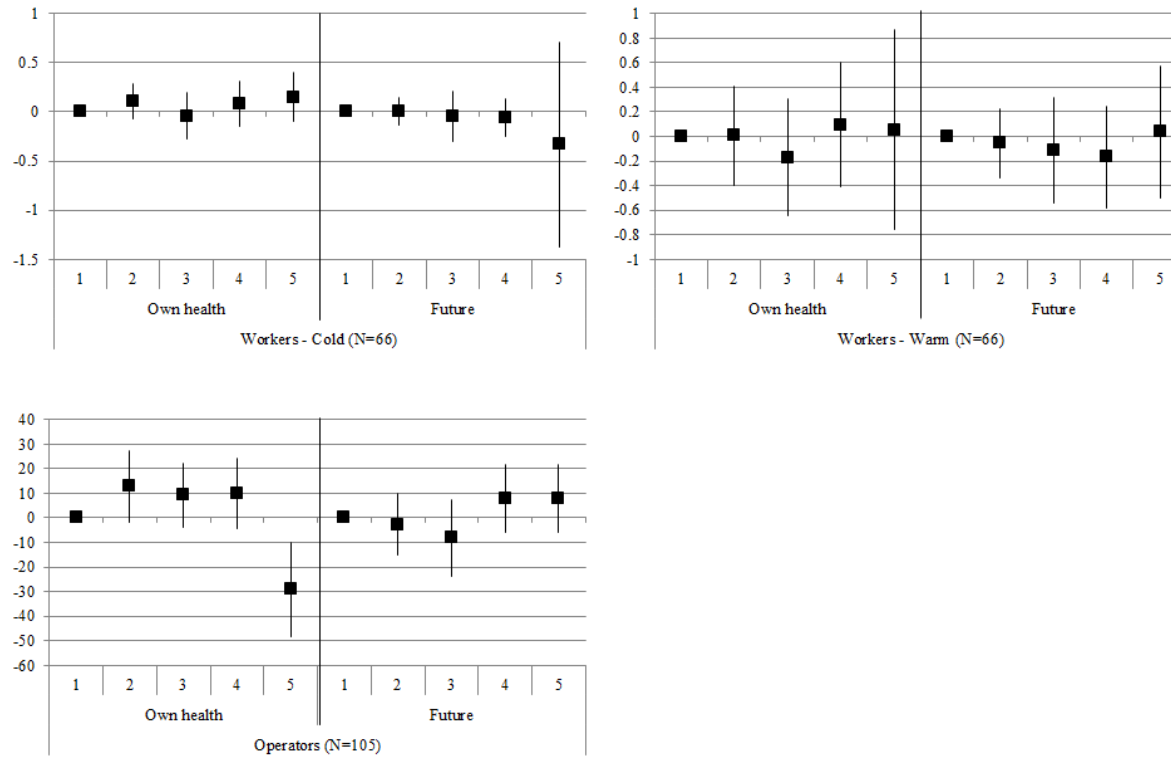
8. Figures

Figure 1: Marginal impact of Perceived Health and Future on adoption, by group



Note: standard errors estimated using 1,000 bootstrapping replications. Success rate: all sample = 100%.

Figure 2: Marginal impact of Perceived Health and Future on exposure, by group



Note: standard errors estimated using 1,000 bootstrapping replications. Success rate: Bystanders and residents: 100%; Workers (both samples): 86.9%; Operators: 99.7%