# Supplementary material

A.

Table A. Specific sampling dates, per study site and season

-		Seas	on 1	Seas	on 2
	Area	Start	End	Start	End
Spain					
	Agricultural	07/11/2019	20/12/2019	01/09/2020	02/10/2020
	Non-agricultural	05/11/2019	19/12/2019	01/09/2020	05/10/2020
Latvia					
	Agricultural	18/02/2020	31/03/2020	02/06/2020	18/06/2020
	Non-agricultural	18/02/2020	31/03/2020	02/06/2020	18/06/2020
Hungary					
	Agricultural	29/01/2020	10/02/2020	07/09/2020	16/09/2020
	Non-agricultural	11/02/2020	18/02/2020	16/09/2020	17/09/2020
Czech Republic					
	Agricultural	14/1/2020	13/3/2020	26/5/2020	30/7/2020
	Non-agricultural	14/1/2020	13/3/2020	26/5/2020	30/7/2020
The Netherlands					
	Agricultural	22/01/2020	06/03/2020	02/06/2020	24/06/2020
	Non-agricultural	22/01/2020	06/03/2020	02/06/2020	24/06/2020

# В.

Table B. Descriptive characteristics of the SPECIMEn study participants based on the questionnaire, by study site and location.

Study Site		5	Lat		Hung	gary	Czech R	epublic	Nethe	rlands
Area	Agricult	Non-								
	ural	agricult		agricult		agricult	ural	agricult		agricult
		ural								
Smoking status										
adult¹, %										
No-current smoker	65.4	73.6	88.0	82.4	54.9	78.8	84.3	91.7	94.5	100.0
Household income,										
% of country										
average <sup>1</sup>										
< 25%	7.7	0	14.0	9.8	27.4	17.3	15.7	16.7	1.8	0
25-50%	5.8	0	0	0	39.2	19.2	39.2	26.7	5.5	6.0
50-75%	17.3	3.8	0	0	13.7	7.7	35.3	33.3	49.1	44.0
>75%	57.7	75.5	74.0	70.6	5.9	44.4	9.8	21.7	20.0	44.0
Don't Know/NA	11.5	20.8	12.0	19.6	13.7	9.3	0	1.7	23.6	6.0
Professional										
contact with										
pesticides in the										
past month, n										
adults										
Season 1	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Season 2	2	0	4	1	2	1	3	1	0	0

<sup>1</sup> 50% is country mean average income

Having other adult household member(s) who had professional contact with pesticides, n adults	1	0	16	2	9	1	0	0	1	0
Usage of any type of products for treating the plants in the garden up to 3 days prior to sample collection, n adults Season 1 Season 2	0 4	2 2	1 4	1 2	0 1	2 2	1 6	0 4	1 4	0 2
Usage of any type of products for treating the plants inside the house up to 3 days prior to sample collection, n adults Season 1 Season 2		0 0	2 3	4	0 17	2 4	0 2	1 0	1 2	3 2
Usage of external antiparasitic treatments for pets in the 3 days prior to sample collection, n adults <i>Season 1</i> <i>Season 2</i>		2 2	0 4	1	2 4	11 5	1 0	1	1 6	0
Usage of insect repellent or antiparasitic human products in the 3 days prior to sample collection, n adults Season 1 Season 2	6 25	1 6	0 5	3	2 4	2	2 6	1 8	0 5	2 0

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ID	Pesticide type <sup>2</sup>	Parent pesticide	Pesticide (metabolite)	precursor ion	exact m/z	RT⁴ urine	Conf. Ievel⁵	Over	all Dete	ction Fr	equency	y (%)
	type		annotation <sup>3</sup>		111/2	[min]	ievei	ES <sup>6</sup>	LV	HU	CZ	NL
P1	Н	2,4-D	Parent compound	[M-H]-	218.9623	9.93	1	4.07	0	2.2	2.71	0
P2_a		Acotomiarid	-CH2	[M-H]-	207.0443	8.71	1	98.56	32.84	94.13	98.19	93.29
P2_b	1	Acetamiprid	-CH2	[M+H]+	209.0589	8.55	4	81.82	10.95	45.23	41.18	47.00
P2_c			Parent compound	[M+H]+	223.0745	8.67	4	1.44	0	0.49	0	0.72
P3_a	F	Ametoctradin	-C2H6 +2O	[M+H]+	278.1612	9.47	1	5.02	2.74	1.22	4.75	2.88
P3_b	Г	Ametoctraum	-C2H6 +2O	[M-H]-	276.1466	8.17	5	0.72	0.5	0.49	0.45	2.16
P4	I, Ac	Bifenthrin/Cyhalothrin	F3CCA + C6H8O6	[M-H]-	417.0570	11.95	4	40.43	3.23	7.09	3.62	13.91
P5_a			+O +SO3	[M-H]-	436.9771	10.26	2b	35.65	18.41	3.91	22.85	32.85
P5_b	F	Boscalid	+O +SO3	[M+H]+	438.9917	10.49	2b	7.18	0	0	0.45	0.24
P5_c	r r	DUSCAIIU	+O (M510F01)	[M-H]-	357.0203	11.89	4	0.48	0	0	0	0
P5_d			+O (M510F01)	[M+H]+	359.0349	11.69	4	0.48	0	0	0	0
P6	I	Chlorantraniliprole	+0	[M-H]-	497.9564	12.67	2b	3.83	0.25	0.24	0	0.24
P7_a	Ac	Chloropropylate	-C3H6	[M-H]-	294.9934	12.93	4	0	0	0	0.23	0
P7_b	AL	Chioropropylate	-C3H6 -CO2	[M-H]-	251.0036	12.93	4	0.24	0	0	0	0
P8_a			+O +SO3 (4-HSA)	[M-H]-	308.0003	9.5	1	55.74	31.59	31.05	34.16	75.06
P8_b			-C4H6O +SO3	[M-H]-	221.9633	6.19	3	29.19	32.09	21.03	28.05	63.07
P8_c	H <i>,</i> GR	Chlorpropham	+20 +SO3	[M-H]-	323.9950	7.5	3	7.66	6.97	9.78	9.28	26.86
P8_d			+O +C6H8O6	[M-H]-	404.0757	8.55	4	15.55	15.42	12.96	14.03	44.84
P8_e			+0	[M-H]-	228.0433	10.97	4	1.2	0	0.73	1.36	9.35
P9_a		Chlorpyrifos (/methyl)	ТСРу	[M-H]-	195.9129	10.1	1	1.67	0	0.24	0.23	0.24

Table C. Annotated pesticide-related compounds (parent pesticides and/or metabolites) of confidence levels 1 - 5 (p = 95) and their overall detection frequency (%) per study site.

<sup>4</sup> RT: Retention Time

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> H: Herbicide, F: Fungicide, I: Insecticide, GR: Plant Growth Regulator, Ac: Acaricide, M: molluscide, Al: Algicide, Ab: antibacterial, Af: antifungal,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Metabolite annotation: "-CH2" means the molecular formula of the metabolite is that of the parent minus CH2 (corresponding to demethylation). Similarly, "+O" means the metabolite is the parent compound plus one oxygen atom (hydroxylation). "+SO3" and "+C6H806" indicate sulfation and glucuronidation, respectively.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Schymanski confidence level, ranging from 1 to 5, (Schymanski et al., 2014)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> ES: Spain, LV: Latvia, HU: Hungary, CZ: Czech Republic, NL: the Netherlands

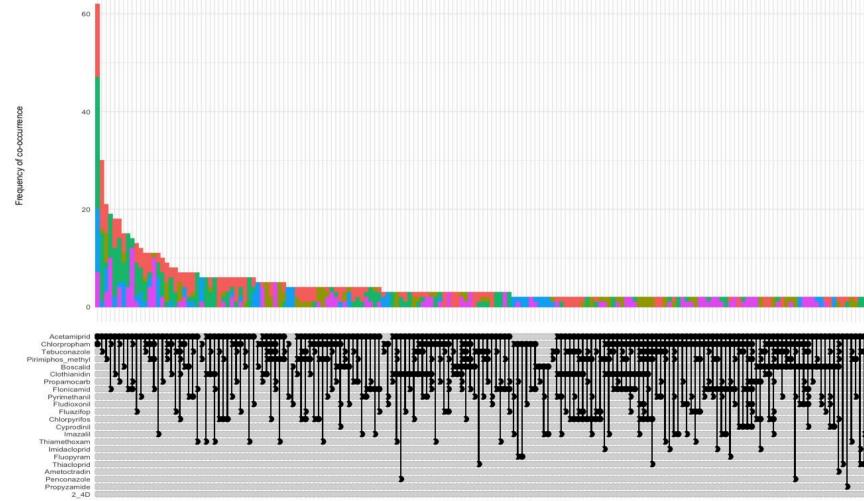
P9_b			-CH2	[M-H]-	305.8723	10.72	1	36.12	0	6.85	21.72	6.47
Р9_с			TCPy+C6H8O6	[M-H]-	371.9450	8.38	4	50.00	0	2.69	13.35	7.19
P10	Н	Clopyralid	Parent compound	[M-H]-	189.9465	3.5	1	0.96	0	0	1.36	0.72
P11_a			Parent compound	[M-H]-	248.0015	8.09	1	34.45	1.74	21.52	24.66	19.42
P11_b		Clothianidin (can come	-NO2 +H	[M+H]+	205.0309	5.77	1	0.48	0	0.24	0	0.24
P11_c	1	from thiamethoxam)	-CH2	[M-H]-	233.9858	7.51	2b	21.05	0.75	9.78	6.56	3.12
P11_d			Parent compound	[M+H]+	250.0160	8.08	4	1.67	0	3.18	0	2.16
P12_a		Cypermethrin,	DCCA	[M-H]-	206.9985	10.73	1	0.48	0	0	0	0
	I	cyfluthrin, permethrin,										
P12_b		transfluthrin	DCCA+C6H8O6	[M-H]-	383.0306	10.95	4	84.93	9.2	14.67	25.34	48.20
P13_a	F	Cyprodinil	+0 +SO3	[M-H]-	320.0710	11.87	2b	14.11	7.71	2.69	10.18	26.38
P13_b			+20 +S03	[M-H]-	336.0660	9.22	3	9.09	4.98	1.71	7.47	22.78
P14		Deltamethrin	DBCA+C6H8O6	[M-H]-	470.9296	11.43	4	76.32	0.75	7.33	9.5	21.82
P15_a			-CH2 -CH2	[M-H]-	202.9786	12	4	5.5	1	0.24	1.13	0.48
P15_b	H, Al	Diuron	-CH2	[M-H]-	216.9942	12.45	4	1.2	0.25	0	0	0
P15_c	н, <b>А</b>		-CH2	[M+H]+	219.0084	12.14	4	0.24	0	0	0	0
P16	F	Fenhexamid	+O +C6H8O6	[M+NH3]+	511.1244	9.34	3	0.96	1	1.22	2.49	6.71
P17_a	l, Ac	Fipronil	Parent compound	[M-H]-	434.9310	15.02	4	0.96	0	0	0	0
P17_b	Ι, Αι	FIPIOIIII	+0	[M-H]-	450.9260	15.43	4	3.59	0.5	0	0	0
P18_a			Parent compound	[M-H]-	228.0397	6.9	1	1.67	0.75	1.96	2.71	5.76
P18_b	I	Flonicamid	-C2HN	[M+H]+	191.0427	6.1	2b	15.07	0.25	27.38	0.23	57.31
P18_c			Parent compound	[M+H]+	230.054	6.8	4	1.44	0	0.98	1.36	3.6
P19_a	Н	Fluazifop	Parent compound	[M-H]-	326.0647	11.74	1	19.86	2.49	11.00	18.33	21.10
P19_b	п	Fluazilop	Parent compound	[M+H]+	328.079	13.57	1	8.13	1.49	4.89	5.20	8.15
P20	F	Fludioxonil	+O +C6H8O6	[M-H]-	439.0609	11.81	2b	16.27	14.68	1.96	14.48	26.86
P21_a			+0 +SO3	[M-H]-	490.9908	12.68	2b	3.59	0.5	0.24	1.13	0.96
P21_b	F	Fluopyram	+O +C6H8O6	[M+H]+	589.0807	13.08	2b	2.39	0.75	0.49	3.17	4.8
P21_c			-2H	[M+H]+	395.0385	13.07	2b	10.77	6.72	0.49	3.39	3.12
P22_a		Flueurodifurence	Parent compound	[M+H]+	289.0557	8.79	1	2.63	0.25	0.24	0.68	2.16
P22_b	I	Flupyradifurone	-C2H2F2	[M+H]+	225.0425	7.54	4	1.67	0	0.24	0.23	3.12
P23	Н	Fluroxypyr	Parent compound	[M+H]+	254.973	10.47	4	0.24	0	0	0	0

P24	F	Flutolanil	-C3H6 +O +SO3	[M-H]-	376.0108	8.18	3	14.11	0	4.65	0	0.24
P25_a			-C14H9NO	[M-H]-	294.0514	13.94	2b	0.96	0	0.73	0.23	0
P25_b	I, Ac	Fluvalinate	-C14H9NO +O	[M-H]-	310.0463	12.78	3	0.72	0	0.49	0	0
P25_c			-C14H9NO	[M+H]+	296.066	14.35	4	0.96	0	0.49	0	0
P26	Н	Haloxyfop	-CH2	[M-H]-	360.026	13.39	4	60.53	3.23	2.69	34.39	21.34
P27_a	F	Imazalil	+C6H8O6	[M+H]+	473.0869	11.52	2b	19.38	10.70	8.31	4.52	4.56
P27_b	Г	IIIIdZdIII	+H2O2 +C6H8O6	[M+H]+	507.0946	9.15	3	14.35	8.21	4.16	1.81	3.6
P28_a			-NO2 +H	[M+H]+	211.0739	6.01	1	17.46	1.74	4.16	0.68	9.35
P28_b		Imidacloprid	Parent compound	[M+H]+	256.0596	8.04	4	5.02	0	2.44	3.85	3.84
P28_c	I	Imidacioprid	+0	[M+H]+	272.054	7.48	4	10.53	0.75	1.47	2.71	2.4
P28_d			-2H	[M+H]+	254.0439	7.3	4	8.37	0.25	0.98	2.94	2.88
P29	F	Iprodione	-C3H6 (RP32490)	[M-H]-	285.9786	12.93	4	5.02	0	0.24	1.58	2.64
P30_a	Н	МСРА	+0	[M-H]-	215.0117	7.57	3	14.59	0.75	1.22	5.66	12.47
P30_b	п	WICPA	Parent compound	[M-H]-	199.0167	9.95	4	0.48	0	0	0.45	0.96
P31	F	Myclobutanil	-H2 +2O	[M-H]-	317.0811	9	3	7.18	0.50	0.24	4.30	0.96
P32_a	F	Penconazole	+O +C6H8O6	[M+H]+	476.0982	11.45	2b	6.46	1.74	2.2	2.04	2.4
P32_b	Г	Periconazole	-2H +2O	[M+H]+	314.0457	11.91	3	2.63	0.25	0.73	1.13	1.68
	F, H, I,	Pentachlorophenol	in source fragment									
P33	M <i>,</i> GR	rentachiorophenoi	of +SO3	[M-H]-	264.8368	13.19	4	3.11	0	2.44	3.85	0.24
P34_a			-CH2	[M-H]-	290.0734	10.75	1	85.17	10.20	6.60	23.98	47.72
P34_b	I, Ac	Pirimiphos-methyl	-CH2 -C2H4	[M-H]-	262.0422	7.47	5	16.75	0	0	0.23	4.08
Р34_с			-CH2 -C2H4	[M+H]+	264.0564	6.22	5	0	0.25	0	0	0.48
P35_a	F	Propamocarb	Parent compound	[M+H]+	189.1597	6.00	1	9.57	1	11.49	4.98	23.26
P35_b		FTOPATTOCALD	+0	[M+H]+	205.1546	6.45	2b	20.81	5.47	18.34	12.67	42.69
			-C5H10O +H2									
P36_a	F	Propiconazole	+C6H8O6	[M-H]-	432.0371	9.00	3	2.39	0	0.98	0	1.2
	I		-C5H10O									
P36_b			(CGA91304)	[M-H]-	253.9888	12.30	4	0	0	0	0	0.24
P37	Н	Propyzamide	+H2O3	[M-H]-	304.0143	11.36	2b	8.61	0	0.49	0.9	0.96
P38_a	F	Pyrimethanil	+0 +SO3	[M-H]-	294.0556	9.15	2b	26.79	14.43	4.89	21.95	31.89
P38_b	1	, , meenam	+0	[M+H]+	216.1133	11.69	2b	0.72	0	2.69	0	0.48

P39	G	Quinmerac	Parent compound	[M-H]-	220.0171	8.54	4	86.12	22.64	25.92	74.89	23.26
P40_a	F	Tebuconazole	-2H +2O	[M-H]-	336.1124	12.18	2b	71.29	5.47	25.18	52.26	35.97
P40_b	Г	TEDUCONAZOIE	+O +C6H8O6	[M+H]+	500.1794	12.71	3	41.15	17.16	30.56	23.08	13.91
P41_a	E	Thiabendazole	+O +C6H8O6	[M-H]-	392.0551	5.96	2b	0	0.75	0.24	0	0.48
P41_b	Г	THIADEHUAZOIE	+O (5-hydroxy)	[M+H]+	218.0381	6.80	5	2.15	1.49	1.47	0	3.36
P42_a	1	Thiacloprid	+0	[M-H]-	267.0107	9.19	2b	8.37	0.75	2.93	7.92	4.56
P42_b	Ι	Пасюрни	+H2 +O	[M-H]-	269.0271	7.05	4	3.11	0.5	0.49	0.9	1.92
P43_a		Thiamethoxam	Parent compound	[M+H]+	292.0262	7.10	1	0.72	0	2.44	0	0.48
P43_b	I	Inidifiethoxam	-NO2 +H	[M+H]+	247.0413	6.20	1	23.44	0	15.16	0	0.24
P44	F	Tolclofos-methyl	-CH2	[M-H]-	284.9309	10.31	4	0	0.25	0	0.45	0.24
P45_a			+C6H8O6	[M-H]-	462.9759	13.23	1	84.69	16.17	24.45	46.15	12.71
P45_b			+O +C6H8O6	[M-H]-	478.9709	9.40	3	4.78	0.75	0.73	1.13	0.48
P45_c	Af, Ab	Triclosan	+SO3	[M-H]-	366.9007	13.89	4	3.83	0.25	0.73	0.68	0.48
P45_d			Parent compound	[M-H]-	286.9439	16.12	4	2.15	0.5	1.22	0	0.96
P45_e			+C6H8O6	[M+NH3]+	482.0171	14.02	4	28.95	2.24	12.71	14.25	6.24
P46_a	С	Trifloxystrobin	-CH2 -CH2	[M-H]-	379.0911	13.07	2b	0.72	0.5	0	3.62	3.84
P46_b	F		-CH2 (CGA 321113)	[M+H]+	395.1213	14.88	5	0.24	0	0.24	2.04	0.24

# 6 **D.**

- 7 Table D. Frequency (number of urine samples, n=2,088) of co-occurrent parent pesticides; the most frequent (in 2 or more urine samples) co-
- 8 occurrences are shown. Different study sites are indicated by colors (CZ=Czech Republic, ES=Spain, HU=Hungary, LV=Latvia,
- 9 NL=Netherlands), the detection frequency (%) of the listed parent pesticides is given on the right. Pesticides are co-occurring in the same sample
- 10 when both have a black connected dot. Multiple metabolites and/or parent compounds related to the same parent pesticide were considered as
- 11 one.



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ES HU LV NL

Country

Co-occurring parent pesticides

# 13 **E.**

14 Table E. Results of logistic mixed effects models, main and extended. Results are presented as Odds Ratios (OR) with 95% confidence intervals

15 (CI). Significance levels based on p-value: '\*\*\*' <0.001, '\*\*' <0.01, '\*' <0.05. Random effects are household and participant ID. Main model

16 includes the predictors: location, season, and age category. Extended model includes additional predictors for pesticide usage, BMI, level of

17 education and homegrown food consumption.

ID	Parent pesticide	Category	ES	S	L	V	Н	HU	(	CZ	Ň	NL
					Main OR (95% CI)	Extended OR (95% CI)	Main OR (95% CI)	Extended OR (95% CI)	Main OR (95% CI)			Extended OR (95% CI)
P1	2,4-D	Season 2 vs <u>1</u> <sup>7</sup> Parent vs <u>Child</u>	1.7 (0.5; 5.9)       1         2.5 (0.7; 8.8)       3	· · · · · ·	NA	NA	0.5 (0.1; 2.0) 0.8 (0.2; 3.0) 0.8 (0.2; 3.1)	0.4 (0.1; 1.7) 0.6 (0.1; 2.9) 0.6 (0.1; 2.8)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		· · · · · ·	NA
P2_a	Acetamiprid	Season 2 vs <u>1</u> Parent vs <u>Child</u> Agricultural vs <u>Non-</u> agricultural	0.2 (0.0; 1.7) (100% detect in Agricultural area, no estimate possible)	0.2 (0.0; 2.8) (Not possible)	0.8 (0.5; 1.3) 1.0 (0.6; 1.6)	0.7 (0.4; 1.5) 1.1 (0.7; 1.9)	0.4 (0.2; 1.0) * 1.2 (0.1; 2.7)	1.3 (0.5; 3.1) 0.5 (0.2; 1.5) 1.4 (0.5; 3.5)	0.6 (0.1; 2.5) 1.0 (0.2; 4.1) 0.5 (0.1; 2.2)		1.3 (0.2; 9.0) 2.0 (0.3; 14)	0.5 (0.2; 1.2) 1.7 (0.3; 8.0) 2.4 (0.9; 6.2) .
P3_a	Ametoctradin	Parent vs Child	2.1 (0.3; 17)	3.0 (0.9; 10)	0.6 (0.2; 2.0) 0.8 (0.2; 2.8) 1.8 (0.5; 6.3)	2.3 (0.3; 15)	0.7 (0.1; 4.1) 4.0 (0.4; 37) 1.6 (0.3; 9.5)	Not reliable, 1.2% detected	0.4 (0.1; 1.0) * 0.6 (0.2; 1.5) 3.2 (1.1; 9.5) *		0.3 (0.1; 1.6) 0.1 (0.02; 0.9) * 0.8 (0.03; 20)	Not reliable, 2.9% detected
P5_a P5_b	Boscalid	Season 2 vs <u>1</u> Parent vs <u>Child</u> Agricultural vs <u>Non-</u>	2.9 (1.8; 4.6) *** 2 1.0 (0.6; 1.9) 1 0.5 (0.2; 1.7) 1 1.2 (0.2; 6.8)	2.5 (1.3; 4.9) ** 1.0 (0.5; 1.8) 0.6 (0.2; 1.7) 4.6 (0.9; 23)	1.3 (0.7; 2.4)	1.0 (0.4; 2.6) 1.4 (0.6; 3.1)		0.6 (0.2; 1.9) 2.4 (0.6; 9.3) 0.5 (0.1; 1.5) NA	2.1 (1.3; 3.5) ** 1.4 (0.8; 2.5)	1.4 (0.8; 2.7)	0.6 (0.3; 1.0) .	1.4 (0.9; 2.2) 1.1 (0.4; 2.6) 0.5 (0.3; 1.0) . NA
Р6	Chlorantraniliprole	Agricultural vs <u>Non-</u> agricultural vs <u>Non-</u> agricultural	7.6 (1.7; 34) **         6           1.0 (0.4; 2.7)         6           1.0 (0.4; 2.9)         6           No random         8	1.1 (0.2; 8.0) 6.8 (1.5; 31) * 0.8 (0.2; 3.2) 0.7 (0.2; 2.4) No random effects	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
P8_a	Chlorpropham	Season 2 vs <u>1</u> Parent vs <u>Child</u>	0.4 (0.3; 0.7) *** ( 0.4 (0.2; 0.6) *** (	0.3 (0.2; 0.6) ***	1.6 (1.0; 2.6) . 0.3 (0.2; 0.6) *** 1.3 (0.7; 2.7)	*0.4 (0.2; 1.0) *		* 0.4 (0.2; 0.7) **	* 0.4 (0.2; 0.6) *** 1.0 (0.6; 2.0)	* 0.3 (0.1; 0.8) *	0.6 (0.4; 1.1) . 2.1 (1.1; 3.9) *	* 2.7 (1.6; 4.6) *** 0.5 (0.2; 1.2) 2.1 (1.1; 4.1) *

<sup>7</sup> Underlined is the reference category

P9_a	Chlornwrifee	Season 2 vs <u>1</u> Parent vs Child	0.4 (0.1; 2.1) 6.2 (0.7; 52) . 1.4 (0.3; 6.3)	0.4 (0.1; 2.4) 3.9 (0.3; 52) 1.5 (0.3; 7.2) Not correct Educ	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Chlorpyrifos (/methyl)	Agricultural vs Non-	0.2 (0.1; 0.4) *** 0.5 (0.3; 0.7) *** 0.8 (0.5; 1.3)	0.2 (0.1; 0.4) ***	NA	NA	0.5 (0.2; 1.1).	0.2 (0.1; 0.8) *			0.5 (0.2; 1.1) . 0.8 (0.3; 1.8) 1.2 (0.4; 3.2)	0.4 (0.1; 1.0) * 0.9 (0.2; 5.2) 1.2 (0.4; 3.3)
P10	Clopyralid	Season 2 vs <u>1</u> Parent vs <u>Child</u> Agricultural vs <u>Non-</u> agricultural	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.2 (0.0; 2.0)	0.7 (0.3; 1.7) 1.3 (0.7; 2.4) <b>not</b> <b>correct PestUse</b>		NA
P11_a			0.6 (0.4; 0.9) ** 0.6 (0.5; 0.9) * 0.5 (0.3; 0.8) **	0.6 (0.3; 1.0) .	6.3 (0.7; 53) . 0.2 (0.0; 1.4) . 1.4 (0.3; 6.3)	5.7 (0.7; 50) 0.3 (0.0; 5.7) 0.9 (0.2; 4.6)		3.5 (2.0; 6.1) *** 0.4 (0.2; 0.7) ** 2.8 (1.5; 5.1) **	0.6 (0.4; 1.0) . 1.0 (0.6; 1.5) 1.3 (0.8; 2.2)	1.1 (0.5; 2.7)	0.6 (0.4; 1.0) . 0.9 (0.5; 1.5) 1.3 (0.7; 2.3)	0.6 (0.4; 1.0) . 1.7 (0.6; 4.6) 1.4 (0.8; 2.7)
	Clothianidin (can come from	Season 2 vs <u>1</u> Parent vs <u>Child</u> Agricultural vs <u>Non-</u>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
P11_c	thiamethoxam)	agricultural	0.9 (0.5; 1.5) 0.7 (0.4; 1.3) 1.4 (0.8; 2.8)	0.8 (0.5; 1.4) 0.8 (0.4; 1.8) 1.4 (0.7; 2.8)	NA	NA	1.9 (0.9; 3.9) . 0.8 (0.4; 1.5) 4.4 (1.8; 11) ***	0.3 (0.1; 0.8) *	0.5 (0.2; 1.1) . 0.9 (0.4; 2.0) 1.3 (0.6; 2.7)	0.5 (0.2; 1.1) . 1.2 (0.3; 4.6) 1.3 (0.6; 2.8)	0.02 (0.0; 0.3) ** 1.6 (0.0; 42) 1.5 (0.0; 38)	0.6 (0.4; 1.0) . 1.8 (0.7; 4.9) 1.4 (0.7; 2.6) Not corrected for PestUse &Educ, 3% detect
P12_a	Cypermethrin, cyfluthrin, permethrin, transfluthrin	Season 2 vs <u>1</u> Parent vs <u>Child</u> Agricultural vs <u>Non-</u> agricultural	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
P13_a	Cyprodinil	Season 2 vs <u>1</u> Parent vs <u>Child</u> Agricultural vs <u>Non-</u> agricultural	1.2 (0.7; 2.1) 2.0 (1.6; 5.6) *** 1.4 (0.7; 2.7)	2.3 (1.0; 5.4).	0.7 (0.3; 1.5) 0.9 (0.4; 2.1) 1.1 (0.4; 2.8)		0.3 (0.1; 2.0) 6.2 (0.9; 40) 1.9 (0.1; 44)	0.4 (0.1; 2.9) 2.9 (0.3; 26) 1.8 (0.1; 61)	0.9 (0.5; 1.6) 0.8 (0.4; 1.5) 0.3 (0.1; 0.6) **	1.0 (0.3; 3.0)	0.8 (0.5; 1.2) 0.5 (0.3; 0.8) ** 0.6 (0.3; 0.9) *	0.8 (0.5; 1.2) 1.2 (0.5; 2.8) 0.5 (0.3; 0.9) *
P18_a	Flonicamid	Season 2 vs <u>1</u> Parent vs <u>Child</u>	1.4 (0.3; 6.3) 6.2 (0.7; 52) 2.6 (0.5; 14)	7.8 (0.6; 96) 2.6 (0.4; 15) Not correct Educ	NA	NA	1.0 (0.3; 4.3)	3.8 (0.7; 20) 0.2 (0.0; 1.5) 2.3 (0.5; 11)	2.7 (0.1; 84)		1.6 (0.6; 4.0) 0.3 (0.1; 0.8) * 0.4 (0.1; 1.5)	1.5 (0.6; 3.8) 0.3 (0.0; 2.3) 0.4 (0.1; 1.3)
P18_b		Agricultural vs <u>Non-</u> agricultural	0.3 (0.2; 0.6) *** 0.6 (0.4; 1.1) 0.8 (0.5; 1.5)	0.3 (0.2; 0.6) *** 0.6 (0.3; 1.4) 0.9 (0.5; 1.6)	NA	NA	0.9 (0.5; 1.5) 0.6 (0.4; 1.0) .	2.6 (1.6; 4.4) *** 0.6 (0.3; 1.2) 0.8 (0.4; 1.4)			0.9 (0.6; 1.4) 0.7 (0.4; 1.0) . 1.0 (0.6; 1.6)	0.9 (0.6; 1.4) 1.2 (0.6; 2.8) 0.9 (0.5; 1.5)
P19_a	Fluazifop	Season 2 vs <u>1</u> Parent vs <u>Child</u> Agricultural vs <u>Non-</u> agricultural	0.5 (0.3; 0.8) ** 1.0 (0.6; 1.7) 1.0 (0.6; 1.9)	0.5 (0.3; 0.9) * 0.7 (0.3; 1.5) 1.1 (0.6; 2.1)	0.7 (0.2; 2.4) 1.0 (0.3; 3.5) 4.2 (0.9; 20) .			0.9 (0.4; 1.7) 0.4 (0.2; 1.0) * 0.9 (0.4; 2.1)	0.9 (0.5; 1.4) 0.7 (0.4; 1.2) 1.1 (0.6, 2.1)	0.8 (0.5; 1.4) 0.5 (0.2; 1.3) 1.3 (0.7; 2.4) not correct Educ	1.0 (0.6; 1.6) 0.7 (0.4; 1.2) 1.4 (0.7; 3.0)	1.0 (0.6; 1.7) 0.5 (0.2; 1.5) 1.5 (0.7; 3.1)

P19_b			1.0 (0.5; 2.1)	0.4 (0.1; 1.2)	0.5 (0.1; 2.7) 0.5 (0.1; 2.7) 5.2 (0.6; 45)	0.4 (0.1; 2.6) 1.9 (0.1; 29) 4.6 (0.5; 44)		1.0 (0.3; 2.6) 0.3 (0.1; 0.9) * 2.4 (0.8; 7.2)	2.5 (1.0; 6.3) . 1.3 (0.6; 3.2) 0.9 (0.3; 2.3)	2.4 (0.9; 6.3) . 1.0 (0.2; 4.6) 0.9 (0.3; 2.5) not	7.2 (1.6; 32) ** 0.6 (0.1; 4.1) 1.4 (0.2; 10)	4.5 (1.1; 17) * 0.0 (0.0; 2.9) 3.1 (0.3; 29)
P20	Fludiovonil	Season 2 vs <u>1</u> Parent vs <u>Child</u> Agricultural vs <u>Non-</u> agricultural	1.5 (0.8; 2.8)	0.9 (0.4; 2.2)	0.8 (0.4; 1.4) 1.1 (0.6; 2.1) 0.8 (0.4; 1.7)	0.8 (0.4; 1.4) 0.8 (0.3; 2.1) 0.9 (0.4; 1.9)		1.7 (0.4; 7.5) 0.9 (0.2; 5.5) 0.9 (0.2; 4.8)	0.7 (0.4; 1.2) 0.7 (0.4; 1.2) 0.5 (0.3; 0.9) *		0.6 (0.3; 0.9) * 0.5 (0.3; 0.9) * 0.9 (0.5; 1.6)	0.6 (0.4; 0.9) * 0.8 (0.3; 1.8) 0.8 (0.5; 1.4)
P21_a		<u> </u>	0.8 (0.2; 2.8)	3.6 (0.8; 15) . 1.0 (0.1; 8.1) 2.0 (0.2; 19)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
P21_b	Elucation	Season 2 vs <u>1</u> Parent vs <u>Child</u> Agricultural vs <u>Non-</u> agricultural	1.0 (0.2; 4.5)	2.2 (0.4; 13) 0.3 (0.0; 5.6) 1.7 (0.1; 41)	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.9 (1.1; 14) * 1.0 (0.3; 2.9) 0.6 (0.2; 1.9)	0.7 (0.2; 2.3)	1.0 (0.2; 4.5) 0.5 (0.0; 6.2) 0.7 (0.1; 8.3)	1.1 (0.3; 3.5) 1.6 (0.1; 28) 0.7 (0.1; 5.4)
P21_c			1.5 (0.8; 3.0)	1.1 (0.5; 2.2) 0.9 (0.3; 2.6) 1.5 (0.6; 4.0)	0.2 (0.0; 0.8) * 0.9 (0.1; 6.1) 0.6 (0.1; 4.3)		NA	NA	1.8 (0.5; 6.4) 0.8 (0.2; 2.8) 1.3 (0.2; 10)		4.3 (0.5; 36) 0.5 (0.2; 12) 1.0 (0.1; 22)	Not reliable, 3% detected
P22_a	Elunamodifianono	Season 2 vs <u>1</u> Parent vs <u>Child</u> Agricultural vs <u>Non-</u> agricultural	1.2 (0.0; 33)	0.3 (0.1; 1.2) 0.7 (0.1; 4.2) 0.5 (0.1; 1.8)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		0.1 (0.0; 1.9) 0.8 (0.0; 25) 0.8 (0.0; 27)	0.6 (0.1; 5.4) 0.1 (0.0; 3.0) 0.8 (0.0; 27)
P25_a		Season 2 vs <u>1</u> Parent vs <u>Child</u> Agricultural vs <u>Non-</u> agricultural	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
P27_a	Imazalil	Season 2 vs <u>1</u> Parent vs <u>Child</u> Agricultural vs <u>Non-</u> agricultural	1.1 (0.7; 2.0)	0.2 (0.1; 0.4) *** 0.8 (0.4; 1.9) 1.1 (0.6; 2.2)	0.4 (0.2; 0.8) * 2.4 (1.1; 5.2) * 1.7 (0.6; 4.9)	0.4 (0.2; 1.1) . 1.1 (0.3; 4.3) 0.7 (0.2; 2.2)	***	0.2 (0.1; 0.5) ** 0.3 (0.1; 1.1) . 0.7 (0.2; 2.3)	0.1 (0.0; 0.6) * 2.9 (0.2; 44) 0.9 (0.1; 11)	0.4 (0.2; 1.2) 3.1 (0.6; 15) 1.0 (0.4; 2.6) Not correct Edu	0.3 (0.1; 1.0) * 1.4 (0.6; 3.6) 1.6 (0.6; 4.2)	0.4 (0.1; 1.0) . 2.2 (0.4; 11) 1.6 (0.6; 4.1) not corrected for Edu
P28_a	Imidaalanrid	Season 2 vs <u>1</u> Parent vs <u>Child</u> Agricultural vs <u>Non-</u> agricultural	1.4 (0.8; 2.5)	0.5 (0.3; 1.0) * 1.8 (0.8; 4.2) 1.2 (0.6; 2.6)	0.2 (0.0; 1.4) 1.4 (0.3; 6.1) 1.4 (0.3; 6.2)	0.2 (0.0; 1.4) 0.7 (0.1; 6.2) 1.1 (0.2; 5.7)	0.9 (0.2; 3.3)	1.1 (0.4; 3.0) 0.5 (0.1; 2.0) 1.0 (0.3; 3.7)	NA	NA	1.1 (0.5; 2.1) 0.8 (0.4; 1.7) 1.2 (0.6; 2.5)	1.1 (0.5; 2.1) 0.9 (0.2; 3.3) 1.4 (0.6; 2.9)
P32_a	Penconazole		2.2 (0.9; 5.0).		0.8 (0.2; 3.4) 0.8 (0.2; 3.4) 1.4 (0.3; 6.1)	0.8 (0.2; 3.4) 0.6 (0.1; 6.0) 1.6 (0.3; 7.7) Not correct PestUse	1.3 (0.3; 4.8)	9.5 (1.0; 93) 0.7 (0.0; 12) 0.7 (0.0; 38)	0.5 (0.1; 2.0) 2.0 (0.5; 8.3) 2.4 (0.6; 9.7)	0.6 (0.1; 2.5) 2.9 (0.3; 30) 2.2 (0.5; 9.3) Not correct Educ. PestUse unreliable estim	1.0 (0.3; 3.6) 1.5 (0.4; 5.5) 0.9 (0.3; 3.2)	1.0 (0.3; 3.6) 0.5 (0.1; 4.5) 0.8 (0.2; 3.0) not corrected for PestUse
P34_a	Pirimiphos-		0.4 (0.2; 0.9) * 0.7 (0.3; 1.4)	1.1 (0.5; 2.5)	1.5 (0.8; 2.9) 0.4 (0.2; 0.9) * 1.0 (0.5; (1.9)	0.8 (0.2; 3.8) 0.6 (0.1; 5.4) 1.5 (0.3; 7.4)	0.2 (0.1; 0.5) ** 0.1 (0.02; 0.4) ***	4.1 (1.5; 11) ** 0.1 (0.0; 0.3) *** 0.2 (0.1; 0.8) *	1.5 (0.8; 2.7)	0.6 (0.2; 1.5) 1.3 (0.7; 2.5)	0.7 (0.4; 1.0) . 0.3 (0.2; 0.5) *** 1.4 (0.8; 2.7)	1.4 (0.8; 2.7)
	Propamocarb	Season 2 vs 1	1.9 (0.9; 4.1).	1.7 (0.8; 3.5)	NA	NA	1.1 (0.6; 2.1)	1.1 (0.6; 2.2)	1.5 (0.4; 6.0)	1.4 (0.5; 3.5)	1.4 (0.9; 2.4)	1.5 (0.9; 2.5)

		Agricultural vs <u>Non-</u> agricultural	1.3 (0.5; 3.1)	1.0 (0.4; 2.4)			0.5 (0.2; 1.0) .	0.5 (0.2; 1.2)		Not correct educ		1.9 (1.0; 3.6).
P35_b			1.1 (0.7; 1.9)	1.1 (0.5; 2.3)	0.3 (0.1; 0.9) * 0.4 (0.1; 1.1) . 4.2 (1.1; 16) *	0.3 (0.1; 0.8) * 0.2 (0.0; 1.0) * 4.0 (1.0; 17) .	0.5 (0.3; 0.9) *		0.5 (0.3; 1.0).	0.9 (0.2; 3.3)	1.0 (0.6; 1.5) 1.2 (0.8; 1.8) 1.2 (0.7; 1.9)	1.0 (0.7; 1.5) 3.2 (1.4; 7.3) ** 1.3 (0.8; 2.2)
P37	Propyzamide	Season 2 vs <u>1</u> Parent vs <u>Child</u> Agricultural vs <u>Non-</u> agricultural	1.2 (0.6; 2.4) 2.3 (1.1; 5.0) * 1.8 (0.7; 4.4)	1.2 (0.6; 2.7) 1.4 (0.5; 4.2) 1.8 (0.7; 4.7)	NA	NA			NA	NA	NA	NA
P38_a	Pyrimethanil	Season 2 vs <u>1</u> Parent vs <u>Child</u> Agricultural vs <u>Non-</u> agricultural	0.8 (0.5; 1.2) 0.8 (0.5; 1.3)	0.7 (0.3; 1.3) 0.8 (0.5; 1.3)	2.1 (1.1; 3.8) * 1.0 (0.6; 1.8) 1.2 (0.6; 2.4)		2.3 (0.8; 7.2) 0.4 (0.1; 2.0)		1.4 (0.9; 2.3) 0.9 (0.5; 1.7)	2.1 (0.9; 5.3) 1.0 (0.5; 1.8)	0.6 (0.4; 1.0) * 0.8 (0.5; 1.2) 0.6 (0.4; 1.0) *	0.6 (0.4; 1.0) * 1.1 (0.5; 2.4) 0.6 (0.4; 0.9) *
P38_b			NA	NA	NA	NA	1.2 (0.4; 4.0)	0.6 (0.2; 2.5) 4.5 (0.9; 23) . 3.3 (0.7; 16)	NA	NA	NA	NA
P40_a	Tebuconazole	Season 2 vs <u>1</u> Parent vs <u>Child</u> Agricultural vs <u>Non-</u> agricultural	0.3 (0.2; 0.4) ***	* 0.2 (0.1; 0.4) ***	3.3 (1.1; 9.3) * 0.8 (0.3; 2.1) 1.5 (0.4; 5.3)		0.3 (0.2; 0.5)		0.2 (0.2; 0.4) ***	*0.4 (0.2; 0.7) **		0.6 (0.4; 1.1) . * 0.2 (0.1; 0.5) *** 0.58 (0.4; 1.6)
P41_a	Thiabendazole	Season 2 vs <u>1</u> Parent vs <u>Child</u> Agricultural vs <u>Non-</u> agricultural			NA	NA	NA	NA			NA	NA
P42_a	Thiacloprid	Season 2 vs <u>1</u> Parent vs <u>Child</u> Agricultural vs <u>Non-</u> agricultural	0.4 (0.2; 1.0) *	1.1 (0.5; 2.4) 0.3 (0.1; 1.2) . 1.6 (0.6; 4.5)	NA		0.3 (0.1; 1.2) . 0.1 (0.0; 0.7) *	0.6 (0.1; 3.3) 0.1 (0.0; 0.5) * Not correct	· · · ·	0.2 (0.1; 1.1).		6.3 (1.3; 30) * 2.4 (0.2; 27) 0.5 (0.1; 4.0) not corrected for Edu
								PestUse				
P43_a		Season 2 vs $\frac{1}{2}$			NA		4.3 (0.9; 21) . 1.0 (0.3; 3.5) 10 (1.2; 80) *	3.7 (0.7; 20) 0.3 (0.1; 1.7) 7.2 (0.7; 79)				NA
P43_a P43_b	Thiamethoxam	Season 2 vs <u>1</u> Parent vs <u>Child</u> Agricultural vs <u>Non-</u> agricultural	94 (22; 396) *** 1.1 (0.7; 1.8)		NA	NA	4.3 (0.9; 21) . 1.0 (0.3; 3.5) 10 (1.2; 80) * NA 1.4 (0.8; 2.3)	3.7 (0.7; 20) 0.3 (0.1; 1.7) 7.2 (0.7; 79) NA 1.0 (0.5; 1.9) 1.9 (1.0; 3.5).				NA

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Additional Information F. Information on area selection and recruitment of participants. 20 21

# 1. Area selection

23 This paragraph describes the selection of the agricultural and non-agricultural areas per country. 1.1 Spain 24

The agricultural area is located in Valencia, which is the second most important agricultural area in 25 Spain and one of the regions with the highest pesticide use: 12.1% of the national total in 2009 26 (ECPA, 2010). The selected area in Valencia was the village of Godella, located in the "Valencian 27 orchard", around 10km northwest of the capital, with a population of more than 10,000 inhabitants 28 and in close vicinity to agricultural areas. The main crops in this municipality are orchards and citrus. 29 In these kind of crops, pesticide application takes place regularly during the spraying season. 30 31 Households located in the municipality of Godella, Rocafort, Masarojos, Moncada or Burjasot were included. Eligible households were located within 250 meters distance to an orchard or citrus field. 32 33 Satellite images (Google maps) were used to confirm that the home location of each participant was within 250 m of an agricultural field. Active application of pesticides in these areas was confirmed 34 35 according to data from the Municipal Tax Agency of Godella and the information of the warning bulletins of the Department of Plant Health of the "Conselleria de Agricultura, Medio Ambiente, 36

- Cambio Climático y Desarrollo Rural" of the Valencian Government of 2018. 37
- The non-agricultural area is located in the peri-urban areas of Madrid (outside the ring road of M40 38 which defines central/urban Madrid), with low levels of agricultural activity. Eligible households 39
- were located at least 500 meters away from any agricultural area based on the information provided 40
- by participants and checked using Google Maps. 41 42

# 1.2 Latvia

Multiple agricultural areas were defined because of the low population density in countryside and 43 also difficult recruitment of study participants. The agricultural areas were chosen from Kurzeme and 44 Zemgale regions since historically these regions of Latvia are the most used for agriculture purposes. 45 Area selection was based on the agricultural register from 2017, where farmers submit their land use 46 47 (hectares and crops grown). The register indicated the the largest total amount of agricultural land

- was located in Kurzeme and Zemgale regions. 48
- Non-agricultural areas were defined as persons living at least 500m away from actively used 49
- agricultural lands these were small villages, small cities and suburbs. We excluded possible study 50
- subjects that lived in the "big cities" that are known either because of their dense population (more 51
- than 10,000 inhabitants) or because of high economic activity having many factories, a lot of 52 53 traffic. etc.
- 54 Each study participant prior their acceptance in the study was asked how far from pesticide
- application sites do they live. This information was then evaluated using publicly available databases 55
- one called kadastrs.lv was for checking the addresses to determine the cadastral number of the 56
- property which was then submitted in a system for checking agricultural land usage (all crop types 57
- were considered, mostly cereals and potatoes are grown in Latvia) called https://karte.lad.gov.lv/. 58
- This system provides the opportunity to measure the distance from a specific area (one's address) to 59 agricultural lands. In this way we determined whether our study subjects fitted as agricultural or non-60
- agricultural addresses. 61
- The system updates according to the season this creates a situation where different cultures and 62
- crops can be grown in agricultural areas. The data was gathered taking into account the current 63
- situation starting from March, 2020. The data of previous season was used to determine whether 64
- the person lives in an area with agricultural lands nearby where pesticides are used actively. Some 65
- study participants had only one type of crop/fruit/vegetable fields around their houses while most had 66
- several different types of fields. 67

# 68 1.3 Hungary

- 69 The selection of the agricultural and non-agricultural areas was based on the volume of apple
- 70 growing. Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg Country has the largest area of apple orchards (17577 ha out of
- the 25044 ha). Based on the data provided by the Hungarian Central Statistical Office (KSH), the
- apple production amounted to around 0.3 million tons (approximately 60% of the total volume
- 73 produced in Hungary) in 2016. Almost all settlements in the county have apple orchards where
- 74 pesticides are used; however, we selected those settlements were several apple orchards are located.
- The selection of the household and participants was based on the predefined criteria and the distance
   between each household and the orchard was checked by Google Maps. Furthermore, the Division of
- 77 Agriculture Plant Protection and Soil Conservation Department of the Government Office of
- 78 Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg County provided information on the pesticide use at the exposed locations
- 79 (e.g. date, name of pesticide product and active ingredient, dose).
- 80 We selected certain settlements in Nógrád Country as the non-agricultural area, since there is no
- 81 significant fruit growing in this region. Most of the selected households were located in peri-urban
- 82 area; however, some of them were in urban or rural areas. The distance from agricultural areas was
- 83 checked by Google Maps.

# 84 **1.4 Czech Republic**

85 The area of interest was selected with the use of ArcGIS PRO. Two GIS layers containing

- 86 information were used: the Land Parcel Identification System (LPIS CZ, Ministry of Agriculture)
   87 (<u>https://eagri.cz/public/app/eagriapp/lpisdata/</u>) and the Registry of territorial identification, addresses
   88 and real estate (RUIAN CZ, State Administration of Land Surveying and Cadastre)
- 89 (https://www.cuzk.cz/ruian/RUIAN.aspx). LPIS CZ contains data on location, area, and general type
- of land parcel (e.g., field, orchard, vineyard, forest, pasture...). RUIAN CZ contains information on
   addresses in the Czech Republic. The following procedure was then used:
  - 1) Main focus was aimed at the South Moravian Region (SMR) in the Czech Republic (the Brno city is approximately in the center of SMR).
- 94 2) Only areas of fields, orchards, and vineyards were considered since we can expect the application of
   95 pesticides in these areas (LPIS CZ).
- 96 3) Street addresses in small cities (<5000 inhabitants) were extracted as layer (RUIAN CZ).
- Buffer zone (250 m) around agricultural areas in SMR was created and intersected with the layer of
   street addresses. The street addresses within the buffer zone were considered potential agricultural
   areas.
- Analogically, the buffer zone was expanded to 500 m and any street addresses not falling into this
   buffer zone were considered the non-agricultural area.
- Address of those who expressed interest to join the study (and provided their home address) was then checked against the agricultural and non-agricultural area street addresses and potential participants were then categorized accordingly. The provisional check was also done via google.com/maps and mapy.cz. Finally, the surroundings were checked by field workers at the time of urine sample collection.
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# 108 **1.5 The Netherlands**

Agricultural areas were areas with at least 100 inhabitants living within 250 meters from apple and

- pear orchards. A selection of addresses was made by combining two publicly available databases: the
- agricultural land-use database (2019), and the basic registration of buildings database (2019). All agricultural land use for apples and pears (orchards only) were selected, all buildings with a living
- agricultural land use for apples and pears (orchards only) were selected, all buildings with a living function were selected. The focus was on the 'Betuwe' area, with the highest density of households
- fulfilling the criteria. This area is roughly located in the provinces Gelderland, Utrecht and part of
- North-Brabant between the rivers 'Nederrijn' and 'Waal'.

116 Non-agricultural areas were defined as any address which was located at least 500 meters away from any agricultural land (including greenhouses). Households fulfilling these criteria from the Betuwe 117 area and suburban Utrecht were included. 118

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# 2. Recruitment of participants

This paragraph describes the recruitment strategies implement in the different areas within each 121 122 country.

2.1 Spain 123

124 For the agricultural area, recruitment started on October 15, 2019 and ended October 25, 2019. The uitment was done in primary schools located in Godella (Valencia). This fact facilitated finding 125 126 children with the age object of study (between 6 and 11 years old) and also their parents (or caretaker) living in households within 250 meters of agricultural area(s). The recruitment has been 127 128 performed in public schools only, in which the number of volunteers was reached. After recruitment, 129 4 families withdrew, resulting in a total of 52 parent-child pairs participating.

In order to encourage participation, those in charge of recruiting followed a flexible policy with 130 regards to dates and contact hours with children's parents. First of all, a first meeting with the school 131 d of directors was organized at beginning of October-19 in order to inform school staff about the 132 project, to request support from the centre and to organize the first meeting with parents. The 133

meetings with parents took place on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 in the following two primary schools 134

of Godella: "CEIP Cervantes" and "CEIP El Barranquet". Copies of the information letter and 135 invitation letter were provided to potential participants at this point. They also received the

136 documents associated to the participation, such as a screening questionnaire, for further examination 137 and consideration at home. Additionally, posters were displayed on schools to encourage the 138 139 participation in the study.

For the non-agricultural area, recruitment started on June 14, 2019 and ended on September 30, 2019. 140

- Recruitment took place among co-workers. At the end of May 2019 a press note was released at the 141
- 142 Spanish research institute webpage to inform workers about the project and about the 2 informative
- 143 seminars that would take place in June. An email was sent at the beginning of June to all co-workers
- with basic information on the study. Additionally, posters were displayed to promote the seminars 144 to encourage participation in the HBM4EU study. At the seminars, the recruitment materials 145
- (information and invitation letters plus the screening questionnaire) were distributed to attendants. 146
- Recruitment started already at the seminars and followed by email among co-workers and co-147
- 148 workers' contacts willing to participate. A positive response was received from 60 families, however,
- them could not enter the study because they did not fulfil the selection criteria. This resulted in a 149 7 of
- of 53 parent-child pairs participating. Those entering the study were given an envelope with the 150 total documentation associated to their participation i.e informed consent for parents, informed assent with 151 an adapted language for child, FAQ sheet, information leaflet and the reply card as well as the urine 152
- sample collection kit in a portable coolbox with sampling instructions. 153
- The study was approved by the medical ethical committee under number 20200109/10 for the 154
- agricultural area and by the Research Ethics Committee of the Instituto de Salud Carlos III under 155
- number CEI PI 34\_2019-v2-Enmienda\_2020 for the non-agricultural area. 156 157

# 2.2 Latvia

Recruitment took place from February 18, 2020 until March 31, 2020. 158

There were many stages and ways of recruitment of study participants. First a list of contacts of all 159

160 schools taking part in "eco-school" programme was made and the schools were contacted via e-mail

(in total 70 schools). Only one responded via email and so the schools were contacted individually 161

- via phone and asked whether they are willing to participate by allowing to spread information on the 162
- project to children and their parents. Information envelopes containing a brief description of project 163

activities, deadlines and contact persons were driven to schools for handing out. 33 respondents, mostly from agricultural areas, responded to this action.

A press release and a post on Facebook via Rīga Stradiņš University was made on October 21st, 2019, resulting in 400 shares. An email of general practitioners (family doctors) of Kurzeme and Zemgale regions were sent with information on this project as well.

Zemgale regions were sent with information on this project as well.Next banners and posters were made and sent out to Kurzeme and Zemgale local newspapers and the

message was also put in "e-klase.lv" which is a system for all schools for organising the educational

process – parents have access to the information on their child and checks the system regularly for

grades, comments and information therefore a banner was made visible to parents from Kurzeme and

173 Zemgale for a week (10,000 views), with little result. At this point the research team concluded, that 174 despite the effort to limit our study participants to be only from Kurzeme and Zemgale, the

insufficient count of participants broadened the borders, and study participants are mostly from

176 Kurzeme and Zemgale, but also from Vidzeme and Latgale. In total 50 parent-child pairs from

agricultural areas, and 51 parent-child pairs from non-agricultural areas were included.

The study was approved by the medical ethical committee of Rīga Stradiņš University under number 6-3/3/48.

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# **2.3 Hungary**

182 The recruitment of the participants was performed between October and December 2019 and was 183 coordinated by the staff of the Public Health Department of the Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg and Nógrád

184 County Government Offices in close collaboration with the project team of the National Public

185 Health Center. The recruitment of the volunteers was done through the primary schools in Nódrág

186 County (non-agricultural area), while the health visitors being very familiar with the local

circumstances were also involved in Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg County (agricultural area). In total, 54

YES reply cards from 11 settlements and 40 NO reply cards were collected at the agricultural area.
Regarding the non-agricultural area, 68 YES reply cards from 8 settlements and 199 NO reply cards

were received. It must be noted that the difference might be caused by the different recruitment

strategies applied at the two areas; the health visitors at the agricultural locations selected families

192 with whom they have already been in contact before the study. During the selection process, the

volunteers were checked for the predefined selection criteria and the most suitable and the most

committed adult – child pairs were included in the study. Before the sample collection, the signed

informed consents were collected. In the case of agricultural areas, we have requested spray logs
 through the Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg County Government Office, so we know when and with what
 they were sprayed.

According to the spray logs, acetamiprid, an insecticide and acaricide, was also used on the apples (agricultural area), but chlorpropham was not used.

The study was approved by the Medical Research Council of Hungary under registration number 15521-3/2019/EKU.

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# 2.4 Czech Republic

Recruitment started in mid-September 2019 and was finished at the end of February 2020 during at that time ongoing first sampling season.

Recruitment of all participants was done by post (letters, ~ 1000 sent, very low response rate <1%),

promotional leaflets (1000 - 1500 delivered, very low response rate <1%), internet advertisement

(e.g., posting on Social network web pages, short announcements on local news pages,

announcements on internet pages of selected towns after communication with town mayor),

announcements in a radio station and announcement in news relation on CZ - TV.

Approximately 200 people expressed interest to join the study. About 90 of them did not meet the

criteria to join (children out of age range, occupation associated with pesticides, etc.) or decided not

to join (for whatever reason). Overall, 111 participants (adults) were eligible and willing to join. Of
these 111 families, 16 were "double families" – families with both parents involved in the study with
two children. This meant that samples were collected from 95 unique address points. The remaining
address points are associated with two sets of parent-child pairs.

We have encountered 3 cases where parents reported the incorrect age of their child in the initial

screening questionnaire. This issue was discovered during the fieldwork of the first sampling season.

219 We have ultimately decided to finish the collection of such samples in the second sampling season.

The age of children out of the study target range (6 to 12 years old) was 4 years old (1 from an

agricultural address and 1 non-agricultural) and 15 years (from agricultural address).

The SPECIMEn study in the Czech Republic received ethical approval under ref. no.

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# 2.5 The Netherlands

Recruitment of participants started in November 2019 and continued until February 2020.

In the Netherlands it turned out to be quite a challenge to combine the databases of land and

building-use with the basic administration of municipalities (GBA) because of privacy regulations.

Since we had no access to the age of subjects from a specific residential location, letters were sent

out at random to addresses within the selected postal codes. Two batches of letters were sent out, the first of 1,000, the second of 10,000. Each letter contained an information letter, the screening

questionnaire, a reply card, informed consent for both parent and child, and an information brochure about the study. The first batch consisted of 500 agricultural and 500 non-agricultural area addresses and was send in the first week of November 2019. The second batch of 4,000 agricultural and 6,000 non-agricultural area addresses was send half of December 2019. The numbers of letters are quite

high, since most of letters would go to non-eligible households e.g. without children. The response
was around 2%, of which about half was not eligible to participate. For example, when one of the

household members was working with pesticides.

Because of time pressure and urge to start collecting the samples in January, we decided to combine recruitment strategies. A news item was placed in local newspapers (Figure 5.5.2) and on news-

websites, including a QR-code directing to the website of the study. The study-website

(https://www.rivm.nl/europees-onderzoek-naar-bestrijdingsmiddelen-in-urine) included an online

sign-up form were potential participants could complete the screening questionnaire. It turned out

that specifically the addresses within agricultural areas were interested in participating and some non-

agricultural addresses were still missing. Therefore, additional recruitment was done among co-

workers with children to participate. In total 55 parent-child pairs were recruited from agricultural areas, and 50 parent-child pairs from non-agricultural areas.

The medical research ethics committee confirmed that the Dutch Medical Research Involving Human

250 Subjects Act (WMO) does not apply to the above mentioned study and that therefore an official

approval of this study by the MREC Utrecht was not required under the WMO (reference number

252 WAG/mb/19/027712).