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Factors influencing technology adoption among smallholder farmers: a systematic review in Africa

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Supplementary materials

Supplementary material A - Online keyword search string

2000 - 2019	Scopus	Web of Sci	JSTOR	Exclusion	Total
<i>technology* AND adoption*</i>	49,870	31,950	95,329		177,149
<i>technology* AND adoption* AND Africa*</i>	2,017	1,469	24,377		27,863
<i>agric* OR farm* AND technology* AND adoption*</i>	3,706	2,255	15,965		21,926
<i>agric* OR farm* AND technology* AND adoption* AND smallholder*</i>	434	358	932		1,724
<i>agric* OR farm* AND technology* AND adoption* AND smallholder* AND Africa*</i>	194	189	725		1,108
<i>agric* OR farm* AND "technology" AND "adoption" AND "smallholder" AND "Africa"</i>	187	158	81		426
Duplicates				73	353
Not relevant by study area				43	310
Not relevant by subject area				182	128
Selected articles					128

Supplementary material B - Details of articles reviewed and major findings

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behaviour.																										
7	Chirwa (2005)	Fertiliser adoption was positively associated with higher levels of education, farm size and higher non-farm incomes, but negatively associated with households headed by women and distance from input markets.	Malawi		X	X						X	X	X			X									
8	Nkonya et al. (2005)	Agricultural potential, farm size, crop diversity, education, and having non-farm activities, improves the adoption of sustainable land practices.	Uganda			X				X		X		X			X							X		
9	Feleke and Zegeye (2006)	Credit strategy is more powerful than the other factors in terms of raising the probability of technology adoption.	Ethiopia			X				X		X					X			X	X					
10	Ojiem et al. (2006)	Variables that constrain adoption were identified as labour, farm size, farm income, and gender of the farmer.	Kenya	X					X	X	X	X	X				X			X				X	X	
11	Witt et al. (2006)	The adoption of genetic modification technologies is factored by access to credit and markets.	South Africa														X			X						
12	Mutekwa and Kusangaya (2006)	The major constraints facing technology adopters were water distribution problems, labour shortage, and inadequate capital.	Zimbabwe							X							X		X	X	X					
13	Marenja and Barrett (2007)	Farm, off-farm income, family labour supply, education and gender of the household head have significant positive effect on technology adoption.	Kenya	X	X	X	X			X		X	X													
14	Okalebo et al. (2007)	The cost of technology was identified as an	Kenya																	X						

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varieties.																											
53	Shiferaw et al. (2014)	Vital investments in agricultural research is required to improve access to modern varieties and services.	Ethiopia	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X					X								X	
54	Addison and Schnurr (2015)	Farmer uptake of banana bacterial wilt practices was constrained by a labour shortage.	Uganda					X		X				X			X	X								X	
55	Claessens et al. (2015)	New insight into adoption strategies could improve the livelihoods of smallholder farmers.	Kenya	X	X	X	X										X	X									
56	Fisher and Carr (2015)	Gender, access to finance, age and marital status influences the adoption of drought resistant maize varieties.	Uganda	X	X						X						X										
57	Holden and Fisher (2015)	Adoption of drought resistant maize is highly influenced by the socio-economic features of the smallholder farmer.	Malawi				X										X	X	X	X							
58	Kassie et al. (2015)	Technology adoption is influenced by social capital and networks, quality of extension services, government support, pests and diseases, resource constraints, tenure security, education, and market access.	Ethiopia Kenya Malawi Tanzania			X								X				X	X	X							
59	Khonje et al. (2015)	Improved maize varieties have significant poverty-reducing impacts in eastern Zambia.	Zambia	X		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X								
60	Murage et al. (2015)	Gender, perceptions, awareness, and input market access positively influenced technology adoption.	Kenya Tanzania Ethiopia	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X			X	X			X					
61	Midega et al. (2015)	The presence of weeds and pests is a condition that facilitates the	Kenya Uganda Tanzania																		X						

70	Murray et al. (2016a)	Adoption of virus-resistant seeds that increase yield improves household food security.	Uganda	X	X		X		X		X			X	X		X												
71	Murray et al. (2016b)	Smallholder farmer families headed by women have either limited or no access to basic agricultural tools, transport, and rural energy.	Malawi	X	X	X				X	X	X				X	X		X		X		X						
72	Vidogbéna et al. (2016)	Negative perceptions among farmers, and lack of extension services, reduce technology adoption.	Benin	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X												X	
73	Wanyama (2016)	The future of agricultural engineering technology is hinged on several drivers.	Uganda					X			X			X			X		X		X		X					X	
74	Arslan et al. (2017)	There are strong complementarities between the adoption of new technologies and increase farm yield.	Tanzania				X					X				X		X		X		X							
75	Brown et al. (2017)	A general overview of the adoption of conservation agriculture and its components is determined by its access and influence of extension contact.	Ethiopia Kenya Tanzania Malawi Mozambique													X				X									
76	Cavanagh et al. (2017)	Poor farmers are least likely to adopt improved practices and new technologies.	Kenya							X		X						X											X
77	Chepchirchir et al. (2017)	Increased intensity of adoption of push-pull technology reduces the probability of smallholder farmers' being poor through increased maize yield per unit area, incomes, and per capita food consumption.	Uganda	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X		X	X		X		X		X							
78	Cheesman et al. (2017)	Closing knowledge gaps in technology influences technology	Zimbabwe					X				X					X		X		X								

93	Bachewe et al. (2018)	Increased technology adoption is driven by high government expenditures on the agriculture sector and local price incentives.	Ethiopia		X														X									X			
94	Brown et al. (2018b)	Perception of local community leaders towards the adoption of new technology affects its adoption by members of the community.	Ethiopia Kenya Uganda Malawi Zambia Mozambique	X	X	X	X			X							X		X	X	X					X					
95	Brown et al. (2018a)	Flexibility within extension systems is required for the intensification of agricultural development.	Ethiopia Kenya Uganda Malawi Zambia Mozambique	X	X					X			X		X				X		X	X			X						
96	Chinseu et al. (2018)	Smallholder farmers lack sufficient technical, institutional, social and economic support, which leads to reduced technology adoption.	Malawi	X	X	X	X										X			X											
97	Gebremariam and Tesfaye (2018)	To enhance adoption, high-cost innovations need to be designed to reduce household's exposure to production shocks.	Ethiopia	X	X							X	X		X		X			X		X									
98	Haider et al. (2018)	Programs aimed at increasing technology adoption should consider impacts on bargaining positions within the household.	Burkina Faso	X	X	X								X					X		X										
99	Holden et al. (2018)	Limited information, cash, and access to technology and training, constrain technology adoption.	Malawi													X	X		X												
100	Katungi et al. (2018)	Results demonstrated that investments in climbing bean research and dissemination efforts contributed significantly to improved household welfare.	Rwanda	X	X		X	X				X							X												
101	Kurgat et al. (2018)	Market integration, farm location and	Kenya	X	X		X	X				X	X	X	X	X			X		X		X								

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adoption.																														
109	Ronner et al. (2018)	The uptake of climbing bean varieties by smallholder farmers improved production. However, diversity in use displays a lack of information and complicates the measurement of adoption.	Uganda	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X					X		X									
110	Senyolo et al. (2018)	Factors such as investment costs and management intensity limit adoption.	South Africa	X	X			X			X							X		X	X	X						X		
111	Senthilkumar et al. (2018)	Smallholder farmers' yield advantages were mainly obtained by improved weed control and harvest technologies.	Tanzania	X	X		X		X									X		X		X							X	
112	Tambo and Mockshell (2018)	Education, secure land rights, and access to institutional support services were identified as factors that increase technology adoption.	Ghana Nigeria Ethiopia Kenya Tanzania Uganda Malawi Mozambique Zambia	X	X	X	X			X		X	X	X		X					X		X							
113	Van Campenhout and Bizimungu (2018)	Adoption of improved inputs such as synthetic fertilizer increases crop yield, but it is considered a risky input. However, its adoption depends on how much extra risk a farm household can afford.	Uganda	X	X	X	X													X										
114	Verkaart et al. (2018)	Adoption of agricultural interventions can increase farm income and retain the smallholder farmers' commitment to farming.	Kenya	X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X				X		X		X								
115	Andrade et al. (2019)	Technology adoption is driven by a generic, transparent, and scientifically robust framework of research and development	Ethiopia Nigeria Tanzania																	X		X								

		aimed at increasing food production and reducing poverty and hunger.																							
116	Burke et al. (2019)	Soil characteristics was found to have an impact on technology adoption as well as the costs.	Zambia															X						X	
117	Brown et al. (2019)	Financial viability of the technology is a consideration in its adoption.	Ethiopia Kenya Uganda Malawi Zambia Mozambique	X	X		X											X	X		X	X	X		
118	Channa et al. (2019)	A one-time price subsidy for the new technology could spur demand and increase future adoption.	Kenya		X		X				X							X							
119	Habtemariam et al. (2019)	Technology adoption has the potential to improve yield and farm income of smallholder farmers.	Tanzania				X			X		X	X					X		X					
120	Krah et al. (2019)	Farmers' propensity to adopt soil fertility management practices increases with improved access to technology - fertilizers.	Malawi															X	X		X			X	
121	Makate and Makate (2019)	Agricultural extension services enhance the adoption of new technologies.	Zimbabwe	X	X	X	X				X		X	X				X		X		X	X	X	
122	Makate et al. (2019)	Multiple adoption of innovations is driven by access to credit, income, information, level of education and farm size of the farmer.	Zimbabwe Malawi	X	X		X				X		X	X	X					X			X		
123	Ochieng et al. (2019)	Technology adoption of improved amaranth varieties was factored by the promotion of improved varieties, mineral fertilizers, and seed treatment technologies.	Kenya Tanzania				X										X				X				

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Supplementary material A - Distribution of literature by crops and location of study

		Crops																				Total
	Countries	Banana	Cassava	Coffee	Cotton	Fodder shrub	Legumes	Maize	Napier	Oil palm	Pineapple	Rice	Sunflower	Sorghum	Potato	Teff	Vegetables	Wheat	Yam	Millet	Barley	
1	Benin	1					1	2				1					1		1			7
2	Burkina Faso				1			1									1					3
3	Burundi											1										1
4	Côte d'Ivoire		1									1										2
5	DR Congo	1	2				1	1						1	1							7
6	Ethiopia		1	1			4	16				1		1		2		4			1	31
7	Gambia											1										1
8	Ghana		2				1	4			3	1		1								12
9	Guinea											1										1
10	Kenya	4	1			2	9	25	1			2		1	2		2					49
11	Lesotho							1														1
12	Madagascar							3				4						2				9
13	Malawi		1			1	7	21				2		1			1					34
14	Mozambique		1				1	9			1	2		1			1					16
15	Niger	1					1	1														3
16	Nigeria	1	2				1	6		1		1		1								13
17	Rwanda					2	2	1				1										6
18	South Africa				1			3														4
19	Tanzania	1	1			2	5	12				4	1	1			3					30
20	Uganda	4	1		1	2	6	15				4		1	2					1		37
21	Zambia				1		1	5									1					8
22	Zimbabwe		1		1		5	8				1		1			1					18
Total		13	14	1	5	9	45	134	1	1	4	28	1	10	5	2	11	6	1	1	1	293