

Interactive comment on “Knowledge needs, available actions and future challenges in agricultural soils” by G. Key et al.

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The usefulness of the study is in part dependent on the database of literature from which studies have been drawn. Limiting the literature database to the seven selected journals may have affected the outcome of the results. However, this limitation was acknowledged by the authors. Depending on the region, many specific soil health related studies are published in regional journals. It may be difficult to capture the efficacy of different soil health practices even in temperate regions without drawing on the regional/local journals that deal with specific soil health management issues. Nevertheless, the methodology of the authors is a good first step in the direction of identifying intervention practices that can improve soil health.

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