

**Supplementary file 1:** Search strategy

**SF1 Table.** Search terms used to identify relevant academic articles. Last updated 2 October 2020.

Database	Search type & limitations	Search terms	Results
<b>Web of Science</b>	Topic (title, abstract, keywords); 2000 and after	((corporat* OR industry OR commercial OR compan*) NEAR/5 ("political activity" OR influenc* OR interfere* OR lobb* OR involve*)) AND (food OR beverage OR sugar) AND ("world health organization" OR "united nations")	49
<b>PubMed</b>	Title/abstract; 2000 and after	(corporat* OR industry OR commercial OR compan*) AND ("political activity" OR influenc* OR interfere* OR lobb* OR involve*) AND (food OR beverage OR sugar) AND ("world health organization" OR "united nations")	59
<b>Scopus</b>	Title, abstract, keywords; 2000 and after	(corporat* OR industry OR commercial OR compan*) AND ("political activity" OR influenc* OR interference OR lobb* OR involvement) AND (food OR beverage OR sugar) AND ("world health organization" OR "united nations")	192
<b>Google Scholar</b>	n/a	(corporate OR industry OR commercial OR company) + ("political activity" OR influence OR interference OR lobby OR involvement) + (food OR beverage OR sugar) + ("world health organization" OR "united nations") + "global health"	17,400 (first 25 pages of results screened)