

Appendix: PubMed Search Strategy

Search	Search terms	Hits
1	Weight[tw] OR height[tw] OR BMI[tw] OR BMI z-scores[tw] OR weight loss[tw] OR obesity [tw] OR non*communicable disease* [tw] OR NCD* [tw] OR chronic disease*[tw]	
2	Obesity, Overweight, Noncommunicable disease [MeSH Terms]	
3	Public polic*[tw] OR polic*[tw] OR government regulation*[tw] OR regulatory [tw] OR guideline*[tw] OR laws[tw] OR tax*[tw] OR subsid*[tw] OR strateg*[tw] OR action plan*[tw] OR school program*[tw] OR school* intervention[tw] school* study[tw]	
4	Obesity prevention [tw] OR obesity treatment [tw] OR obesity management[tw] OR health promot*[tw] OR health education[tw] OR physical activit*[tw] OR physical education[tw] OR exerci*[tw] OR fitness[tw] OR nutrition* intervention[tw] OR diet* intervention[tw] OR nutrition polic* OR [tw] school food polic*[tw]	
5	# 1 OR # 2 OR # 3 OR # 4	
6	# 4 AND # 5	
7	(((((("Africa"[MeSH] OR Africa*[tw] OR Algeria[tw] OR Angola[tw] OR Benin[tw] OR Botswana[tw] OR "Burkina Faso"[tw] OR Burundi[tw] OR Cameroon[tw] OR "Canary Islands"[tw] OR "Cape Verde"[tw] OR "Central African Republic"[tw] OR Chad[tw] OR Comoros[tw] OR Congo[tw] OR "Democratic Republic of Congo"[tw] OR Djibouti[tw] OR Egypt[tw] OR "Equatorial Guinea"[tw] OR Eritrea[tw] OR Ethiopia[tw] OR Gabon[tw] OR Gambia[tw] OR Ghana[tw] OR Guinea[tw] OR "Guinea Bissau"[tw] OR "Ivory Coast"[tw] OR "Cote d'Ivoire"[tw] OR Jamahiriya[tw] OR Jamahirya[tw] OR Kenya[tw] OR Lesotho[tw] OR Liberia[tw] OR Libya[tw] OR	

	<p>Libia[tw] OR Madagascar[tw] OR Malawi[tw] OR Mali[tw] OR Mauritania[tw] OR Mauritius[tw] OR Mayote[tw] OR Morocco[tw] OR Mozambique[tw] OR Mocambique[tw] OR Namibia[tw] OR Niger[tw] OR Nigeria[tw] OR Principe[tw] OR Reunion[tw] OR Rwanda[tw] OR "Sao Tome"[tw] OR Senegal[tw] OR Seychelles[tw] OR "Sierra Leone"[tw] OR Somalia[tw] OR "South Africa"[tw] OR "St Helena"[tw] OR Sudan[tw] OR Swaziland[tw] OR Tanzania[tw] OR Togo[tw] OR Tunisia[tw] OR Uganda[tw] OR "Western Sahara"[tw] OR Zaire[tw] OR Zambia[tw] OR Zimbabwe[tw] OR "Central Africa"[tw] OR "Central African"[tw] OR "West Africa"[tw] OR "West African"[tw] OR "Western Africa"[tw] OR "Western African"[tw] OR "East Africa"[tw] OR "East African"[tw] OR "Eastern Africa"[tw] OR "Eastern African"[tw] OR "North Africa"[tw] OR "North African"[tw] OR "Northern Africa"[tw] OR "Northern African"[tw] OR "South African"[tw] OR "Southern Africa"[tw] OR "Southern African"[tw] OR "sub Saharan Africa"[tw] OR "sub Saharan African"[tw] OR "subSaharan Africa"[tw] OR "subSaharan African"[tw]) NOT ("guinea pig"[tw] OR "guinea pigs"[tw] OR "aspergillus niger"[tw])</p>	
8	<u># 6 AND # 7</u>	