

Table 2. Inclusion and exclusion criteria.

	Inclusion Criteria	Exclusion criteria
Database	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Search terms (See Table 1 for the search terms in PubMed and EBSCO) - Year of publication between January 2000 and October 31st, 2016 - Language: English - Peer-reviewed 	N/A
Title / Abstract	<p>The abstract or title of each article had to include a combination of the following keywords: pharmaceutical companies, healthcare providers, interaction, and effects, or variations to the preceding nouns.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explicitly mention only unilateral types of interaction or no clear distinction. - Explicitly mention a different aim than investigating an effect of interaction. - Non-empirical study. - Non- quantitative study. - Commentaries, reviews, opinion articles.
Full-texts	<p>The article empirically investigates the effect of bilateral interaction between pharmaceutical companies and healthcare providers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-empirical studies. - Non-quantitative studies. - Studies on unilateral interaction or no clear distinction. - Other stakeholders. - Studies that only described the prevalence. - Studies that describes no interaction.