**The use of Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) to address causality in complex systems: a systematic review of research on public health interventions**

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**Appendix 1. Example search strategy**

The search strategy below was used in the Web of Science database. A translated version was used in the other databases.

**Web of Science** (all databases selected; English only).

No. of records: 916

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| **Set**  | **Searches** |
| **1** | Qualitative Comparative Analysis AND Health (179 articles) |
| **2** | QCA AND Health (128) |
| **3** | Qualitative Comparative Analysis AND Public Health (47 articles) |
| **4** | QCA AND Public Health (42) |
| **5** | Qualitative Comparative Analysis AND intervention (71 articles) |
| **6** | QCA AND Intervention (446) |
| **7** | Qualitative Comparative Analysis AND wellbeing (2 articles) |
| **8** | QCA AND Wellbeing (1) |