

Table S1. Search strategy by database and corpus

Database	Corpus	Search string (fields, Boolean operators)	Filters applied	Date run	Records
Scopus	A	(TITLE-ABS("health politics") OR TITLE-ABS("politics of health") OR TITLE-ABS("politics of health policy") OR TITLE-ABS("politics of public health")) AND PUBYEAR > 1975 AND PUBYEAR < 2026	English; Article/Review; 1976–2025; full text	2026-01-26	627
Web of Science	A	(TI=("health politics" OR "politics of health" OR "politics of health policy" OR "politics of public health") OR AB=("health politics" OR "politics of health" OR "politics of health policy" OR "politics of public health")) AND PY=(1976-2025)	English; Article/Review; 1976–2025; full text	2026-01-26	415
PubMed	A	("health politics"[tiab] OR "politics of health"[tiab] OR "politics of health policy"[tiab] OR "politics of public health"[tiab])	English; Article/Review; 1976–2025 Limited to "Full text" Limited article type of "clinical study ,comparative study, controlled clinical Trial, Evaluation study, Meta-Analysis, Network meta analysis, observational study, Randomized controlled trial, Review, scoping Review, Twin study, validation study	2026-01-26	70
Scopus	B	[PDoH search string: C-A "(TITLE-ABS("political determinants of health") OR TITLE-ABS("political determinant of health")) AND PUBYEAR > 1975 AND PUBYEAR < 2026" (title/abstract) and C-B "(TITLE-ABS-KEY("political determinants of health") OR TITLE-ABS-KEY("political determinant of health")) AND PUBYEAR > 1975 AND PUBYEAR < 2026" (title/abstract/keywords) variants]	English; Article/Review; 1976–2025; full text	2026-01-26	252
Web of Science	B	[PDoH search string: C-A "(TI=("political determinants of health" OR "political determinant of health") OR AB=("political determinants of health" OR "political determinant of health")) AND PY=(1976-2025)" and C-B variants]	English; Article/Review; 1976–2025; full text	2026-01-26	224

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PubMed	B	"TS=("political determinants of health" OR "political determinant of health") AND PY=(1976-2025)"	English; Article/Review; 1976–2025 Limited to "Full text" Limited article type of "clinical study, comparative study, controlled clinical Trial, Evaluation study, Meta-Analysis, Network meta analysis, observational study, Randomized controlled trial, Review, scoping Review, Twin study, validation study	2026-01-26	22

Note. Corpus A = politics-of-X terms (health politics, politics of health, politics of health policy, politics of public health). Corpus B = political determinants of health (PDoH); the PDoH search used two variants: C-A (term in title or abstract) and C-B (term in title, abstract, or keywords). Initial search 5 Jan 2026; final refined search 26 Jan 2026. Record counts are pre-deduplication identification counts (Corpus A total 1,112; Corpus B total 498); see Figure 1 (PRISMA-ScR).