

## **Additional file 1: Search terms used in PubMed databases**

The search combined the following terms:

- Global (in the title) or "world health" (as Mesh term),
- Humans (as Mesh term),

and any of the following MeSH terms:

Air pollutants or pollution  
Aflatoxins  
Arsenic  
Asbestos  
Benzene  
Cadmium  
Carbon monoxide  
Carcinogens  
Chromium  
Diesel exhaust  
DDT  
Dioxins  
Dust  
Dyes  
Environmental exposure  
Flame retardants  
Fluoride  
Formaldehyde  
Furans  
Hazardous chemicals  
Heavy metals  
Hexachlorobenzene  
Hydrocarbons  
Lead poisoning  
Mercury  
Nickel  
Nitrates  
Ozone  
Paints  
Particulate matter  
Pesticides  
Poisoning  
Polybrominated biphenyls  
Polychlorinated biphenyls  
Radioactive pollutants  
Selenium  
Solvents  
Smoke  
Soil pollutants  
Tobacco smoke pollution  
Toluene  
Vehicle emissions  
Volatile organic compounds  
Water pollutants