**Supplemental File 1. Details of the website search**

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| **Company** | **Description of our website search** |
| **Associated British Food** | We searched:  - main website at <http://www.abf.co.uk/>  - 2015 annual report |
| **Danone** | We searched:  - main website at [http://www.danone.com/en/#](http://www.danone.com/en/) and particularly the “Research & Innovation” area  - 2015 annual report  - website of [Danone Nutricia Research](http://www.nutriciaresearch.com/our-expertise/). Nutricia Research(the *“global R&D organisation behind Early Life Nutrition and Advanced Medical Nutrition, divisions of Danone”).* |
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| **Coca Cola** | We searched the websites of the following branches: North America, Australia, Great Britain, New Zealand. A list of financial support of health and well-being related scientific research and partnerships was found on each website. |
| **General Mills** | We searched:   * main website at <https://www.generalmills.com/> * 2016 annual report * website of the [Bell Institute of Health and Nutrition](https://www.bellinstitute.com/en/). |
| **Kellogg** | We searched:   * main website at: <http://www.kelloggcompany.com/en_US/home.html> * 2015 annual report |
| **Mars** | We searched:   * main website at: <http://www.mars.com/global> and particularly the “Science+Innovation” area * website of the [Mars Center for Cocoa Science](http://www.marscocoascience.com/publications). There is a section dedicated to partnerships with scientific institutions: <http://www.marscocoascience.com/partnership> * website of [Mars Symbioscience](http://www.marssymbioscience.com/)   We did not include in our analysis [WALTHAM Centre for Pet Nutrition](http://www.waltham.com) and of the [Global Food Safety Center](https://www.marsgfsc.com/en/aboutus) as they focus on research areas that did not meet our inclusion criteria. |
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| **Mondelez (formerly Kraft)** | We searched:   * main website at: <http://www.mondelezinternational.com/> * 2015 annual report * website of the Mondelēz International Nutrition Science Corner. |
| **Nestle** | We searched:   * main website at: <http://www.nestle.com/> especially the “Research & Development” area * 2015 annual report * [Nestlé Institute of Health Sciences](http://www.nestleinstitutehealthsciences.com/). For each research area of the Institute there is a broad description of the topic, of the group head and a list of key publications from that group. However, we excluded this as internal research. There is a list of University collaborations but no PIs are listed: <https://www.nestleinstitutehealthsciences.com/research/partnerships> * [Nestle Nutrition Institute](https://www.nestlenutrition-institute.org/resources/library/Pages/default.aspx) |
| **Pepsico** | We searched:   * main website at: <http://www.pepsico.com/> * 2015 annual report.   We did not include in our analysis the [Gatorade Sports Science Institute](http://www.gssiweb.org/en/home) (GSSI) as its research areas do not meet our inclusion criteria. |
| **Unilever** | We searched:  - main website at: <https://www.unilever.com/> especially the “Innovation” area  - 2015 annual report  We did not include in our analysis the Unilever’s [Safety and Environmental Assurance Centre (SEAC)](http://www.tt21c.org/home-2/) as its research areas do not meet our inclusion criteria. |