

313
abstracts identified
from database search

165: no measure of
association b/ alcohol and
stroke

6: neither cohort nor case-
control

7: less than three alcohol
consumption levels

56: not enough info to
quantify, for each alcohol
group, consumption in
g/day and assoc RR/OR

20: multiple articles on
same study

5: other dimension of
alcohol drinking (e.g.,
binge drinking or drinking
before the event)

17: data exclusively on
total-strokes including
unspecified strokes

11: systematic reviews/
meta-analysis studies

Exclusions

26 studies identified
for data abstraction (17 cohort and
9 case-control studies; 20 studies
identified ischemic and 16
hemorrhagic strokes)