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)