**Supplementary Text S1 The search strategy in PubMed.**

#1 venous thromboembolism [MeSH]

#2 VTE [tiab] OR thromboembolism [tiab] OR venous thrombosis [tiab] OR pulmonary embolism [tiab]

#3 #1 OR #2

#4 ethanol [MeSH]

#5 alcohol\* [tiab] OR alcoholic [tiab] OR ethanol [tiab] OR wine [tiab] OR beer [tiab] OR liquor [tiab]

#6 #4 OR #5

#7 cohort [tiab] OR nested case-control [tiab] OR case-cohort [tiab] OR trial [tiab]

#8 #3 and #6 and #7