Cerebral damage associated with alcoholism: A reexamination.
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AB Critically reviews the literature on neurophysical and neuropsychological studies of brain functioning in alcoholics and examines findings concerning 3 hypotheses of brain damage in alcoholics: (a) diffuse or generalized brain damage, (b) damage that is lateralized to the right hemisphere, and (c) damage to the frontal-limbic-diencephalic system. While currently available evidence clearly demonstrates brain damage in alcoholics, it is not adequate unequivocally to support or refute any specific hypothesis of brain damage due to alcoholism.