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#### Review

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#### Highlights:

- The literature concerning auditory dysfunction in AD is reviewed
- Dichotic listening tasks show high diagnostic and prognostic significance
- Multiple event-related potentials also show high diagnostic and prognostic utility
- Audiological approaches are a low-cost way to gain an early window into AD diagnosis

#### Abstract

Recent findings suggest that both peripheral and central auditory system dysfunction occur in the prodromal stages of Alzheimer Disease (AD), and therefore may represent early indicators of the disease. In addition, loss of auditory function itself leads to communication difficulties, social isolation and poor quality of life for both patients with AD and their caregivers. Developing a greater understanding of auditory dysfunction in early AD may shed light on the mechanisms of disease progression and carry diagnostic and therapeutic importance. Herein, we review the literature on hearing abilities in AD and its prodromal stages investigated through methods such as pure-tone audiometry, dichotic listening tasks, and evoked response potentials. We propose that screening for peripheral and central auditory dysfunction in at-risk populations is a low-cost and effective means to identify early AD pathology and provides an entry point for therapeutic interventions that enhance the quality of life of AD patients. **Keywords:** Auditory Cortex; Mild Cognitive Impairment; Audiometry; Evoked Potential; Dichotic

#### 1. Introduction

Alzheimer's Disease (AD) is a neurodegenerative disease of increasing prevalence and primarily affects the elderly population. It is characterized by loss of cognitive function across multiple domains

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