

ALCOHOL AND OPIOIDS

Summary

Many kinds of opioids and opioid receptors in the central nerve system have been discovered and their physiological activities described. Ethanol, as a narcotic drug causing the addiction, interacts specifically with opioid receptor systems activating inter alia mechanisms of nerve excitation. Some opioids exert influence on the intake of alcohol; morphine

for example can reduce desire for its drinking. Alcohol reduces also the feeling of pain; so that it's on purpose consumption may lead to the addiction. Numerous literature data on this subject are susceptible to different interpretations; therefore correlation between alcohol and opioid drugs interaction requires further studies.