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**The task impurity problem in Aphasia testing:  
Search for the cognitive deficits subtending language performance in Aphasia**  
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While aphasia is defined, criterion selected, assessed and treated as a language-specific disorder, deficits of nonlinguistic-specific functions are found in people with aphasia. It is unclear whether these deficits cause, are caused by, or simply co-occur with the language deficits. A fundamental and pernicious problem in aphasia research, diagnosis and treatment is that no tests of language performance measure only what they target (the task impurity problem). I will discuss task requirements and a battery of tests, currently in development, that may help fractionate these functions so as to enhance selection of targets for study and intervention.

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