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Construct Validation of the Hybrid Model of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder: Distinctiveness of the

New Symptom Clusters

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#### Highlights

- Significant heterogeneity emerged for dysphoric arousal, anxious arousal, and externalizing behavior.
- There was less evidence for the distinctiveness of negative affect and anhedonia.
- The hybrid model might not provide a meaningful framework for understanding which PTSD symptoms relate to associated features.

#### Abstract

Despite the factor analytic support for the seven-factor hybrid model (Armour et al., 2015) of posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), little research has examined the degree to which newly established symptom clusters (i.e., negative affect, anhedonia, dysphoric arousal, anxious arousal, externalizing behavior) functionally and meaningfully differ in their associations with other

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