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Components to Treat Misophonia

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Abstract

Misophonia is an important, yet understudied, psychological condition characterized by feelings of extreme anger and disgust in response to specific human-generated sounds. Several promising case studies using cognitive behavioral therapy to treat misophonia have been published, but given the limited work to date, exploring additional treatment options and expanding the potential options available to clients and clinicians remains important. In order to target the high levels of anger and disgust, we treated a case of misophonia in a 17-year-old male using 10 (50-minute) individual sessions based on mindfulness- and acceptance-based components drawn from dialectical behavior therapy and acceptance and commitment therapy. In particular, we focused on acceptance, mindfulness, opposite action, and nonjudgmentalness strategies. At 6-month follow-up, the client reported no significant difficulties and a continued decline in symptoms. Theoretical rationale and treatment implications are discussed.

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