

Comparing the Effect of Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation (TDCS) and Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy on Substance Craving Control and Rumination in Methamphetamine-Dependent Patients

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

Clarify the selection criteria for participants and provide more details on the implementation of TDCS and CBT, including session frequencies and durations.

Expand the statistical analysis section to include the rationale behind the chosen tests and a deeper interpretation of the results, considering the clinical significance.

Strengthen the theoretical framework linking TDCS and CBT with craving control and rumination, including a review of relevant neurobiological and psychological theories.

Provide a more nuanced comparative analysis of TDCS and CBT, discussing why one might be more effective than the other in certain aspects.

Discuss the study's limitations in greater depth, including its quasi-experimental design and convenience sampling. Suggest specific future research directions that could address these limitations.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

Consider including a more diverse participant pool to enhance the generalizability of the findings.

Offer detailed descriptions of the TDCS and CBT protocols used, justifying the specific parameters and approaches chosen.

Besides craving control and rumination, include additional outcome measures related to overall psychological well-being and methamphetamine use to provide a more comprehensive assessment of treatment efficacy.

Integrate a longer follow-up period to assess the sustainability of treatment effects over time.

Elaborate on the ethical considerations, especially concerning the potential risks associated with TDCS, and how these were mitigated.

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2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

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