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# The Effectiveness of Mindfulness-Based Sex Therapy on Multidimensional Sexual Issues and Sexual Distress in Women with Erotophobia Disorder

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### 1. Round 1

## 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer: This article presents an interesting exploration into the role of mindfulness-based cognitive sex therapy for women with erotophobia. However, there are several aspects that could be improved:

Methodological Rigor: The quasi-experimental design is appropriate, but the study would benefit from a larger, more diverse sample to enhance external validity.

Detailed Analysis of Results: While the study reports significant improvements, a more nuanced discussion of the findings, including potential confounding factors and the specific aspects of sexual issues impacted by the therapy, would be beneficial.

Comparative Analysis: The lack of an active intervention for the control group limits the ability to conclusively attribute improvements to the mindfulness intervention alone.

Ethical Considerations: The study appears to adhere to ethical guidelines, but a more detailed discussion of ethical considerations, especially given the sensitive nature of the topic, would strengthen the paper.

Future Research Directions: Suggestions for future research, including exploring different demographic groups and long-term impacts of the therapy, would be valuable.

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Authors revised the manuscript.

#### 1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer: The study addresses an important topic in sexual health, specifically the impact of mindfulness-based cognitive sex therapy on women with erotophobia. While the research question is relevant and the study design (a quasi-experimental pre-test post-test with a control group) is sound, there are several areas for improvement:

- 1. **Expand Sample Size and Diversity:** Increase the sample size and include participants from varied demographic backgrounds to enhance the generalizability of the findings.
- 2. **Implement Randomized Controlled Trial:** Transition from a quasi-experimental design to a randomized controlled trial to strengthen the study's internal validity.
- 3. **Longitudinal Follow-up:** Incorporate long-term follow-up assessments to evaluate the enduring effects of the therapy.
- 4. **Blind Assessments:** Employ blinded assessors to evaluate outcomes, minimizing biases inherent in self-report measures.
- 5. **Alternative Control Group Interventions:** Use an active control group receiving a different type of therapy to provide a comparative analysis of treatment efficacy.
- 6. **Detailed Statistical Analysis:** Provide more detailed statistical analyses, including effect sizes, to better understand the magnitude of the intervention's impact.
- 7. **Qualitative Data:** Include qualitative interviews or case studies to add depth to the understanding of individual experiences.
- 8. **Ethical Considerations and Consent:** Clearly outline ethical considerations, including how informed consent was obtained and how participant confidentiality was maintained.
- 9. **Broader Theoretical Context:** Situate findings within a broader theoretical context, discussing how the results align with or challenge existing literature.
- 10. **Interdisciplinary Perspectives:** Consider integrating insights from related fields, such as psychology, medicine, and sexology, to provide a more comprehensive understanding of the intervention's effects.

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#### 2. Revised

Editor's decision: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.