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eMethods 1. Information sources and search

Search strategies for each of the databases searched:

PubMed


EMBASE

'cognitive therapy'/exp OR 'cognitive therapy' OR 'cognitive behavioural therapy'/exp OR 'cognitive behavioural therapy' OR 'cognitive and behavioural therapy' OR 'cognitive and behavioral therapy':ab,ti OR 'cognitive and behavioural therapy':ab,ti OR 'cue exposure' OR 'exposure therapy' AND ("D-cycloserine":ab,ti OR 'D-cycloserine' OR 'D-cycloserine':ab,ti OR 'cycloserine'/exp OR 'cycloserine' OR 'cycloserine':ab,ti OR 'dcs' OR 'dcs':ab,ti)

PsycINFO

(exp cognitive behavior therapy/ or behavior therap*.ti. or cognitive therap*.ti. or behavior therap*.ab. or cognitive therap*.ab. or behaviour* therap*.ti. or behaviour* therap*.ab. or cognitive behavior* therap*.ti. or cognitive behavior* therap*.ab. or cognitive behaviour* therap*.ti. or cognitive behaviour* therap*.ab. or cue exposure.ti or cue exposure.ab or exp exposure therapy/) and (D-cycloserine.ti. or d- cycloserine.ab. or cycloserine.ti. or cycloserine.ab. or DCS.ti. or DCS.ab.)
eMethods 2. Data items

Methods of harmonizing the primary outcome variables within the IPD data sets to ensure common measurements across studies:

Denoted by \((y_0, y_1, y_2, y_3)\) the four measurements of any given patient at time 0 (baseline), 1 (mid-treatment), 2 (post-treatment), and 3 (follow-up). Within each different type of primary outcome measure, we first ranked the patients at baseline (time zero). The rank was then normalized between 0 and 100. We defined \(R_0(y_0)\) to be the corresponding ‘ranking function’ returning a value between 0 and 100 for each value of \(y_0\). To compute the final outcome, \(R_0\) was also applied to the other time points (i.e., mid-treatment, post-treatment, and follow-up), such that the outcome of each patient was given by \((R_0(y_0), R_0(y_1), R_0(y_2), R_0(y_3))\). This permitted replacing the original distributions by their rank, using as benchmark the distribution at baseline (time zero).

To ensure that the data transformation did not result in large discrepancies with the original analyses of the raw datasets, we compared the effect sizes obtained from the model used in primary aim 1, taking antidepressants into account, in the original and the transformed data. Overall, the transformation resulted in overlapping confidence intervals (eTable 9).
**eResults. Moderator analyses (secondary aim)**

We included study quality (risk of bias) as a post-hoc moderator in our analyses. We used the Cochrane Collaboration’s Tool for Assessing Risk of Bias\textsuperscript{33} to assess the quality of the individual studies and explore possible bias. Studies were assessed across six domains: adequate sequence generation, allocation concealment, outcome assessment blinding, management of incomplete outcome data, selective reporting, and other sources of bias. Judgements were made according to the instructions in Table 8.5.\textsuperscript{c} *Criteria for judging risk of bias in the ‘Risk of Bias’ assessment tool.*\textsuperscript{34} For each study, each domain was judged as having low, unclear, or high risk. Judgements of “low” risk were assigned a score of 2 points, judgements of “unclear” risk were assigned a score of 1 point, and judgements of “high” risk were assigned a score of 0 points. Scores in all domains were added up to create an overall risk score (possible range 0 – 12). See **eTable 6** and **eTable 7** below. The overall risk score was then included as a post-hoc moderator variable in the analyses. The results of these analyses appear in **Table 2** of the manuscript.
**eTable 1. Demographic and clinical characteristics of the individual studies included in the meta-analysis**

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*Information for Litz et al. as reported in the original publication because individual participant data were not available.

**Abbreviations**: DCS D-cycloserine; PBO placebo; CBT cognitive-behavior therapy; SP specific phobia; SAD social anxiety disorder; PD / A panic disorder with or without agoraphobia; OCD obsessive-compulsive disorder; PTSD posttraumatic stress disorder; SUDS Subjective Units of Distress Scale; SNAQ Snake Questionnaire; DSR Disgust Scale Revised; CGI Clinical Global Impression; SPAI Social Phobia and Anxiety Inventory; LSAS Leibowitz Social Anxiety Scale; PDSS Panic Disorder Severity Scale; PAS Panic and Agoraphobia Scale; Y-BOCS Yale-Brown Obsessive Compulsive Scale; CY-BOCS Children’s Yale-Brown Obsessive Compulsive Scale; CAPS Clinician Administered PTSD Scale; CPSS Child PTSD Symptoms Scale.
**eTable 2.** Antidepressant use for the whole sample for each diagnostic category and for each individual study included in the individual patient data meta-analysis

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*Percentage calculated over those patients on antidepressants.*
Medication status was missing for 23 individuals. All percentages in the table are calculated over the number of individuals (n=1,024 in the total sample) for which medication status was known.

Participants on medication were excluded from this study.

Abbreviations: SSRI selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (includes citalopram, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, and sertraline); SNRI serotonin-norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (includes desvenlafaxine, duloxetine, and venlafaxine); SARI serotonin antagonists and reuptake inhibitors (includes nefazodone and trazodone); TCA tricyclic antidepressants (includes amitriptyline, clomipramine, doxepin, imipramine, nortriptyline, opipramol, and trimipramine); TeCA tetracyclic antidepressants (includes mirtazapine); Other AD other antidepressants (includes bupropion); NR not reported.
eTable 3. Results of individual studies expressed as simple between-group effect sizes (Cohen’s $d$) at posttreatment in each of the eligible studies

Results of individual studies, expressed as simple between-group effect sizes (Cohen’s $d$) at post-treatment in each one of the eligible studies (based on raw data and not including any moderators). Negative effect sizes indicate that DCS is superior to placebo.

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Abbreviations: ES effect size; SP specific phobia; SAD social anxiety disorder; PD / A panic disorder with or without agoraphobia; OCD obsessive-compulsive disorder; PTSD posttraumatic stress disorder.

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Table 4. Predicted means for D-cycloserine and placebo groups at each time point (no moderators included)

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Note: * indicates that the mean for the DCS treatment condition is significantly lower than the mean for the Placebo condition at that time-point.
### eTable 5. Multilevel model coefficients for the effect of D-cycloserine (DCS) vs placebo (PBO) in the augmentation of cognitive-behavior therapy in each specific disorder, including antidepressants in the model as an a priori moderator

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Abbreviations: DCS D-cycloserine; PBO placebo; SP specific phobia; SAD social anxiety disorder; PD / A panic disorder with or without agoraphobia; OCD obsessive-compulsive disorder; PTSD posttraumatic stress disorder.

Significance codes: ≤0.001 ‘***’; ≤0.01 ‘**’; ≤0.05 ‘*’

aGroup was coded PBO=0, DCS=1.

- Cannot be computed.
**Table 6.** Risk of bias scores according to the items from the Cochrane Collaboration Tool for Assessing Risk of Bias

Risk of bias scores according to the items from The Cochrane Collaboration’s Tool for Assessing Risk of Bias (judgements of low, unclear, or high risk made according to the instructions in Table 8.5.c *Criteria for judging risk of bias in the ‘Risk of Bias’ assessment tool*).

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*b* Judgements of “low” risk have been assigned a score of 2 points, judgements of “unclear” risk have been assigned a score of 1 point, judgements of “high” risk have been assigned a score of 0 points. Scores in all domains have been added up to create an overall risk score (possible range 0 – 12).

*Abbreviations:* SP social phobia; SAD social anxiety disorder; PD / A panic disorder with or without agoraphobia; OCD obsessive-compulsive disorder; PTSD posttraumatic stress disorder.
**Table 7.** Risk of bias scores and support for judgement according to the items from the Cochrane Collaboration Tool for Assessing Risk of Bias

Risk of bias scores and support for judgement according to the items from The Cochrane Collaboration’s Tool for Assessing Risk of Bias (judgements of low, unclear, or high risk made according to the instructions in Table 8.5.c *Criteria for judging risk of bias in the ‘Risk of Bias’ assessment tool*).

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Support for judgement

- **Random component in the sequence generation process not described.**
- “27 were randomly assigned, via a
- **Method of concealment is not described.**
- **“Treatment condition was double-blinded, such that the subjects, therapists, and assessors were not**
- **There were no drop-outs at post-treatment but 6 patients did not return for follow-up. Unclear whether the follow-up analyses were intention-to-treat.**
- **All outcomes stated in the trial registration (available at clinicaltrials.gov) were reported.**
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aware of the assigned study medication condition. The blind was maintained throughout the study.”

“Twenty-seven participants (11 men, 16 women) completed pretreatment, both therapy sessions, and the 3-month follow-up assessment. Twenty-one of the 27 completing participants returned for follow-up assessment (8 placebo [80% of enrolled], 13 DCS [77% of enrolled]). Analysis of the pretreatment data and the 1-week posttreatment assessments showed that there were no significant pretreatment or posttreatment differences on anxiety or fear measures between those who returned for follow-up and the 6 who did not.”
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“Although the number of dropouts was small (n=3), all dropouts were in the placebo group.”

Tan et al., 2013

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“Randomization was done by research staff not involved in the trial using minimization procedures (Scott et al. 2002) and stratifying on gender, therapist, and time of day of treatment sessions.”

“Intention-to-treat analysis according to CONSORT diagram. “Missing outcome data balanced in numbers across intervention groups with similar reasons for missing data in groups; n = 15 assigned to DCS and cognitive and behavioral therapies arm and n = 14 to placebo and cognitive and behavioral therapies arm, with n = 3 withdrawing from placebo arm by post-“

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| 2008 | Support for judgement | "A random allocation sequence was generated by numbering containers with the medication. This randomization sequence was developed by the compounding chemist before the trial and concealed from all individuals involved in patient care, evaluation, or supervision until follow-up assessments were completed. The compounding chemist purchased DCS to make 50 mg DCS capsules, along with identical placebo."

| "Participants and assessor were blinded until follow-up assessment were completed."

| "After drug assignment, 6 participants (n = 1 DCS; n = 5 placebo) failed to attend at least three group exposure sessions between session 2 and 5 and dropped out of treatment. The \( \chi^2 \) analysis showed the difference between the two groups in dropout rates after drug assignment approached significance (P = 0.08). No dropouts occurred over the 1-month follow-up assessment period. LOCF used, with ITT principle."

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<td>“All study staff (including those who did recruitment, assessment and therapy) and all participants were blind to the random allocation sequence.”</td>
<td>No intent-to-treat analysis according to CONSORT diagram (44 randomized, 39 analyzed). “Data of patients who finished treatment and who were assessed at post-therapy and at least at one of the follow-up assessments were included into analyses. Missing data of single follow-up assessments or single</td>
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whether envelopes were sequentially numbered, opaque and sealed): “The study medication was handed out by the study staff in consecutive numbers, according to the individual time arrangements for exposure therapy (next exposure received next container). The randomization sequence was kept in the pharmacy inaccessible to study staff until the last follow-up data had been assessed and monitored. For reasons scales were extrapolated by method of last-observation-carried-forward.”
of safety, closed envelopes including the individual allocation of each patient were kept in a place accessible to all staff, to allow fast individual deblinding in case of a severe adverse event.”

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| Support for judgment | Random component in the sequence generation process not described. “We dispensed to each subject 10 doses of 125 mg DCS or 10 identical-looking placebo doses in a random double-blind fashion.” | “We dispensed to each subject 10 doses of 125 mg DCS or 10 identical-looking placebo doses in a random double-blind fashion.” | “Double-blind fashion.” “Psychiatrist and raters reported to be blind to treatment condition.” | Unbalanced drop-out rates between groups, which may have introduced a bias. “Seventy-eight percent of the entire sample completed the EX/RP therapy. However, this was true for 93.3% of DCS subjects versus 64.7% of placebo subjects \[
\chi^2(1) = 3.82, p = .05; \text{Fisher exact test, } p = .09.\]” Different endpoints used for each individual: “Because subjects potentially completed the therapy at different rates, comparing the groups at subjects’ last session (vs. at session 10) provided a | Study protocol not available but all expected outcomes seem to be reported. Difficult to judge whether the study is free of other sources of bias.
more sensible and inclusive endpoint. An alternative we considered was to carry the last observation forward to the 10th session for those completing the therapy in less than 10 sessions; however, we rejected this approach because it was more speculative than the approach we adopted.”

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<td>CONSORT diagram not provided but seems that at least the six patients who discontinued treatment before mid-treatment were randomized but not included in intent-to-treat analyses (despite stated otherwise in All outcomes stated in the trial registration (available at clinicaltrials.gov) were reported – although the trial registration does not mention specific</td>
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of Living prepared and dispensed the study medication (100 mg D-cycloserine or placebo) and maintained the coded random assignment schedule for the double-blind design.”

“Data were analyzed both as intent-to-treat (with last observation carried forward) and completer-only analyses.”

“Thirty-three OCD patients signed informed consent. Of those 33 patients, three did not meet inclusion criteria, one refused the treatment because he reported that he was “not ready for change,” and six discontinued treatment before the mid-treatment evaluation. Twenty-two patients completed the treatment and were included in the statistical analysis. One patient dropped out after the mid-treatment outcome measures but “reduction in symptoms.”
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<td>“D-cycloserine (Seromycin, 250 mg; Eli Lilly and Co, Indianapolis, Indiana) will be capsuled into 25mg with identical placebo capsules” (from trial registration at clinicaltrials.gov).</td>
<td>“Double-blinded fashion.” “Assessments were conducted by trained blinded raters at pretreatment, after Session 6, and within 1 week posttreatment.”</td>
<td>“There were no missing data.”</td>
<td>Data from questionnaires that were not pre-specified as outcome measures in the trial registration (available at clinicaltrials.gov) were reported in the paper (MASC, CDI, ADIS-CSR for OCD). Additionaly, one measure (Adverse Symptom Checklist) was listed in the trial registration but not in the paper.</td>
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<td>“Pills were compounded to be identical in size and color, and were dispensed by the study pharmacist corresponding to randomisation, prior to session 5.”</td>
<td>“Blinding managed by the study pharmacy investigator (Laetitia Hattingh, Ph.D.). All other investigators were blind, as were assessors, therapists, and all participants (…).”</td>
<td>“All children enrolled in the trial completed treatment.”</td>
<td>The ADIS-CSR for OCD, GOCS, CGI, and MASC were reported in the paper but are not pre-specified as outcomes in the trial registration (at ANZCTR).</td>
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<td>“Double-blind design.” “A masked rater administered the CY-BOCS at the beginning of each session, providing session-by-session data. Double-blind follow-up</td>
<td>Intention-to-treat analyses according to CONSORT diagram. Drop-outs and missing data detailed in CONSORT.</td>
<td>Several of the secondary outcomes pre-specified in the trial registration (at clinicaltrials.gov) were not reported in the paper (ADIS, SDQ, DASS, FAS, RCMAS,</td>
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Assessment was completed at 3, 6 and 12 months post-treatment. Unmasking took place after the last patient had completed the 12-month follow-up. CARBQ-C/P, SUDS, BAT, PEAS, and heart rate variability were additional outcomes. Moreover, the ChOCI and the CGAS were reported in the paper but are not listed as outcomes in the trial registration.

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| “Using standard software, an independent statistician generated a randomization list using random blocks with a maximum of 10 numbers each.” | “The active and placebo capsules were dispensed by the pharmacist in numbered containers in accordance with the randomization list.” | “Everyone involved in the study (i.e., researchers, participants, therapists, and assessors) were blind to the treatment condition.” | Analyses were not intention-to-treat as not all randomized participants were analyzed. “For administrative reasons, participants were randomized before the baseline assessments. Consequently, 16 patients received a randomization number but never entered the study because they were excluded or withdrew. Two outcomes pre-specified in the trial registration (at Nederland s Trial Register) were not reported in the paper (posttraumatic cognitions and avoidance behavior). Additionally, the SCL-90 was reported in the paper but is not pre-specified. | Support for judgement | Difficult to judge whether the study is free of other sources of bias.
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Large number of dropouts and reasons for dropping out not detailed: “Of the 75 eligible participants randomly assigned in double-blind fashion to the treatment conditions, 8 dropped out before the first exposure session, leaving 67 participants receiving the allocated intervention. The treatment protocol was completed by 45 participants, 24 receiving exposure plus DCS and 21 receiving exposure plus placebo, whereas 40 completers and 5 dropouts completed the 3-month follow-up assessment. No significant as an outcome in the trial registration.
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<td>Method of concealment is not described.</td>
<td>“All research personnel were blinded except the pharmacist, who had no contact with subjects.”</td>
<td>“The study was triple-blind as the Board, the participants, and the investigators were blind to allocation status.”</td>
<td>Analyses are reported as intention-to-treat but according to CONSORT diagram, the analysis of the 3-month follow-up only includes 47 individuals that completed treatment, instead of the 57 randomized.</td>
<td>The trial registration (at clinicaltrials.gov) reports the following outcomes: Number of PTSD symptoms (diagnostic interview) and Number of anxiety symptoms (self- and parent-reports). However, the paper reports data on a larger number of non-pre-specified measures (modules)</td>
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and placebo. This procedure was repeated for the second set of four numbers, and so on. This was used to prevent long runs of unequal assignment.”

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<td>“The research pharmacy oversaw randomization.”</td>
<td>“Medication was administered double-blind.” “A psychologist who was blind to the medication condition conducted assessment at six time points.”</td>
<td>Intention-to-treat analyses according to CONSORT diagram. “All analyses adhered to intent-to-treat principle, with the last available observation used as the outcome data (ITT/LOCF).” “All three dropouts were in the VRE-placebo group and the observed differences in group mean were minimal</td>
<td>The BDI-II, the STAXI-2, and the PCL were reported in the paper but are not pre-specified as outcomes in the trial registration (at clinicaltrials.gov).</td>
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or placebo (n=12; VRE-placebo group)."

for all measures (eg, VRE-placebo group CAPS scores at post-treatment: intent-to-treat analysis: M=42.17, SD=20.75 vs completer analysis M=43.11, SD=18.56; at 6-month follow-up: Intent-to-treat analysis M=45.92, SD=22.66 vs completer analysis M=48.11, SD=25.31).”

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<td>“This double-blind, placebo-controlled study consisted of a baseline screening assessment, six treatment visits, and follow-up assessment s at 3, 6, and 12”</td>
<td>“Outcomes were analyzed on the basis of the intent-to-treat group of all randomly assigned participants.” Large number of drop-outs. “There were no significant differences in dropout rate across conditions at posttreatment”</td>
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months posttreatment conducted by blind independent evaluators. (...) The study staff were blind to medication condition.”

(x²=3.36, df=2, p=0.19) or at the 3-month (x²=3.63, df=2, p=0.16), 6-month (x²=2.75, df=2, p=0.25), or 12-month (x²=1.11, df=2, p=0.57) follow-up. Dropouts did not significantly differ from completers on baseline demographic characteristics or symptom variables. Little’s test suggested that the missing cases met the assumption for missing completely at random (χ²=124.89, df =127, p=0.54).” “There were no meaningful between-group differences at baseline (Table 1).” “Weaknesses of the current study include State-Trait Anxiety Inventory, and Beck Depression Inventory”

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the high dropout rate. It should be noted that 31 participants dropped out before the first treatment session.”

Abbreviations: SP social phobia; SAD social anxiety disorder; PD / A panic disorder with or without agoraphobia; OCD obsessive-compulsive disorder; PTSD posttraumatic stress disorder.

**Table 8.** Multilevel model coefficients for the effect of D-cycloserine (DCS) vs placebo (PBO) in the augmentation of exposure-based cognitive-behavior therapy (CBT) in 2 subsamples

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<td>Regression coefficient</td>
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<td>Intercept</td>
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<td>Group (DCS/PBO)</td>
<td>0.38 ± 1.10</td>
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<td>Antidepressants</td>
<td>2.41 ± 1.33</td>
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<td>Baseline Severity</td>
<td>0.59 ± 0.04</td>
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<td>Time pre-to-mid-treatment</td>
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<td>Time pre-to-post-treatment</td>
<td>-37.79 ± 3.64</td>
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<td>Group × Antidepressants</td>
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Significance codes: ≤0.001 ‘***’; ≤0.01 ‘**’; ≤0.05 ‘*’

a Group was coded PBO=0, DCS=1.
**eTable 9.** Standardized effect sizes for the pre-to-post-treatment change in each of the eligible studies calculated on raw and transformed data and taking into account the effects of antidepressants (corresponding to analyses in primary aim 1)

Standardized effect sizes for the pre-to-post-treatment change in each of the eligible studies calculated on raw and transformed data and taking into account the effects of antidepressants. Negative effect sizes indicate that DCS is superior to placebo.

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a Cohen’s d calculated using the data provided in the original report – IPD not available.

* The pre-to-post-treatment change in outcome was significant (p<.05).
eFigure. Distribution of the outcome measures at baseline, rescaled from 0 to 100

Abbreviations: SUDS Subjective Units of Distress Scale; SNAQ Snake Questionnaire; DSR Disgust Scale Revised; CGI-S Clinical Global Impression – Severity; SPAI Social Phobia and Anxiety Inventory; LSAS Leibowitz Social Anxiety Scale; PDSS Panic Disorder Severity Scale; PAS Panic and Agoraphobia Scale; (C)Y-BOCS (Children’s) Yale-Brow Obsessive Compulsive Scale; CAPS Clinician Administered PTSD Scale; CPSS Child PTSD Symptoms Scale.