

Supplementary file 4. Comments in favour and against, explaining the reasons for setting aside those outcome domains which failed to reach the 70% consensus in the face-to-face meeting for psychology-based interventions. Votes represent the % of the 19 participants who agreed that these outcome domains were not critical to be measured in every clinical trial for psychology-based tinnitus interventions (threshold $\geq 30\%$).

Psychology-based exclusions	Vote	Comments in favour	Comments against
Ability to ignore	95	<i>No strong views expressed.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some patients are able to cope with their tinnitus without trying to ignore it. • Some psychological treatments specifically aim not to ignore the tinnitus. • Could be covered by 'tinnitus intrusiveness'.
Annoyance	74	<i>No strong views expressed.</i>	<i>No strong views expressed.</i>
Anxiety	95	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified as a major focus for psychology-based treatments. • When a person is anxious, it has a big impact on life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If 'anxiety' means a clinically meaningful anxiety disorder, then this definition applies to a very limited number of people with tinnitus. • The more everyday experience of anxiety could be captured by the outcome domain 'mood'.
Catastrophising	74	<i>No strong views expressed.</i>	<i>No strong views expressed.</i>
Concentration	89	<i>No strong views expressed.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group noted that there might be other reasons for lack of concentration other than tinnitus. • One subgroup argued this might not be very sensitive to the effects of a psychological intervention. • Some considered this to be similar to 'tinnitus intrusiveness'.
Coping	37	<i>No strong views expressed.</i>	Improving on a coping scale (as in using different coping strategies) does not always mean that the person is improving.
Depressive symptoms	95	When a patient is depressed, it has a big impact on life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If 'depressive symptoms' means a clinically meaningful depression disorder, then this definition applies to a very limited number of people with tinnitus. • The more everyday experience of depression could be captured by the outcome domain 'mood'.

Difficulties getting to sleep	69	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group identified that this is often a major focus for psychology-based intervention. • One participant mentioned that sleep is fundamental to general health. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group noted that not everyone has 'difficulties getting to sleep', and so it is not a prominent issue for all people with tinnitus. • Could be covered by 'tinnitus intrusiveness'.
Fear	74	<i>No strong views expressed.</i>	<i>No strong views expressed.</i>
Helplessness (lack of control)	74	<i>No strong views expressed.</i>	<i>No strong views expressed.</i>
Impact on individual activities	95	<i>No strong views expressed.</i>	Could be covered by 'tinnitus intrusiveness'.
Impact on relationships	74	<i>No strong views expressed.</i>	Could be covered by 'tinnitus intrusiveness'.
Impact on social life	95	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group acknowledged that tinnitus has a major impact on social activities (e.g. can cause isolation). • One participant felt this was important because one's social life is essential for personal well-being. 	Could be covered by 'tinnitus intrusiveness'.
Impact on work	95	<i>No strong views expressed.</i>	Could be covered by 'tinnitus intrusiveness'.
Irritable	74	<i>No strong views expressed.</i>	<i>No strong views expressed.</i>
Quality of sleep	74	<i>No strong views expressed.</i>	The group noted that not everyone has poor 'quality of sleep', and so it is not a prominent issue for all people with tinnitus.
Suicidal thoughts	74	<i>No strong views expressed.</i>	<i>No strong views expressed.</i>
Tinnitus-related thoughts	74	<i>No strong views expressed.</i>	<i>No strong views expressed.</i>
Worries/concerns	74	<i>No strong views expressed.</i>	<i>No strong views expressed.</i>