



Editorial

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Welcome to our 7th issue.

Many years ago, Sterling (1959) wrote of the dangers of researchers not publishing their work when the results were nonsignificant, commenting that such work might be repeated by others until a chance significant result could be an 'error of the first kind' - the incorrect rejection of a true null hypothesis. Soon after, Popper (1963) wrote that every refutation should be regarded as a great success. In spite of that, it has taken many years for scientific journals to change the common policy of not publishing 'negative' results.

IJTAR policy is to be open and transparent and publish any research, regardless of outcomes. We are, therefore, very pleased to have the 4th in Mark Widdowson's series of case studies on TA treatment of depression, with its mixed outcome.

This is followed by a similar case study, using elements of Single Case Study Efficacy Design (HSCED) (Elliott 2002) and this time applied by the author/researcher Colin Kerr to TA treatment of emetophobia. Colin provides us with a thorough review of the nature of emetophobia before demonstrating that his TA psychotherapy approach led to significant change for the client.

The next paper is a preliminary outline of a pilot project and shows how TA psychotherapy seems likely to be of benefit to clients with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). We look forward to seeing the final paper on this when David Harford completes his research.

Our final paper in this issue is a quantitative study within the organisational field of TA application, with Marina Pavlovska using Hay's (1992) Working Styles Questionnaire to check out the distribution of styles against three of the professions defined by the State Statistical Office (2011) of Macedonia – Economist, Legal Advisor and IT Expert.

So, we continue our cross-fields and international coverage, with three accounts of TA psychotherapy case studies and one developmental TA quantitative style study of working styles applied to professions – with the psychotherapy papers from the UK and the developmental TA study done in Macedonia.

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