

Phenomenological Elucidation of Cognitive Reappraisal Mechanisms in Treatment-Resistant Major Depressive Disorder: An Electroencephalographic and Psychometric Case Study

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Abstract. This study delves into the cognitive reappraisal mechanisms in patients with treatment-resistant major depressive disorder (TR-MDD) through a combined electroencephalographic (EEG) and psychometric approach. By analyzing EEG patterns and psychometric outcomes in a controlled clinical setting, significant deviations in cognitive processing pathways were identified compared to typical MDD cases. These findings offer novel insights into the neuropsychological underpinnings of TR-MDD, suggesting potential therapeutic targets for enhanced clinical interventions.

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Introduction

The prevalence of major depressive disorder (MDD) presents a significant global health challenge, affecting millions and leading to substantial socio-economic burdens. A distinct subset of these individuals suffers from treatment-resistant major depressive disorder (TR-MDD), characterized by its intractability to conventional therapeutic regimens. Understanding the cognitive-emotional processing anomalies underlying TR-MDD is crucial for developing targeted interventions. Recent advancements in neuroimaging and psychometric assessments have provided fresh perspectives in deciphering the cognitive reappraisal mechanisms pivotal to this condition. This paper explores the phenomenological aspects of cognitive reappraisal in TR-MDD patients, employing electroencephalographic (EEG) methodologies alongside comprehensive psychometric evaluations to delineate abnormal neural activities that distinguish TR-MDD from non-

resistant forms of MDD. The results not only extend existing knowledge but also pinpoint specific neuropsychological alterations that could inform future therapeutic innovations. This document is structured as follows: first, we review the current state of TR-MDD research; second, we detail the methodology and participant characteristics; third, we present the EEG and psychometric findings; and finally, we discuss the implications of these results within the broader clinical context.

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