

Associated Factors and Psychological Management of Trichotillomania

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ABSTRACT

Trichotillomania, also known as hair pulling disorder, is a chronic and debilitating psychiatric condition characterized by repetitive pulling out of one's hair resulting in noticeable hair loss and distress. This review article aimed to provide an overview of the associated factors and psychological management of trichotillomania. The findings suggest that trichotillomania is often co-morbid with other psychiatric disorders, such as anxiety and mood disorders, and it is associated with childhood trauma, family dysfunction, and personality traits such as perfectionism and impulsivity. Psychological treatments such as Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Habit Reversal Training (HRT), Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) and Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) have shown promise in reducing hair pulling behavior and improving quality of life in individuals with trichotillomania. Other interventions, including medication and alternative therapies, have also been explored but have limited evidence to support their efficacy. In conclusion, trichotillomania is a complex disorder with multiple associated factors that require a multidisciplinary approach for effective management. Psychological interventions such as CBT and HRT are the most well-established treatments for trichotillomania.

Keywords: *Trichotillomania, Psychological management, Cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT), Habit reversal training (HRT), Acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT)*

Trichotillomania is defined as a disorder characterized by the recurrent and compulsive pulling out of one's own hair, resulting in noticeable hair loss and significant distress, and is classified as an obsessive-compulsive and related disorder in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th Edition (DSM-5). The diagnostic criteria for trichotillomania include recurrent hair pulling resulting in hair loss, repeated attempts to decrease or stop hair pulling, significant distress or impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas of functioning, hair pulling or hair loss not being attributable to another medical condition, and hair pulling not being better explained by the symptoms of another mental disorder. This disorder is often associated with significant impairment in social, occupational, and other areas of functioning, and can be challenging to manage. Trichotillomania can affect individuals of any age, but onset typically occurs in childhood or adolescence. According to the DSM-5, trichotillomania usually begins between the ages of 9

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to 13 years, with a peak age of onset between 10 to 12 years. However, the disorder can also develop in adulthood, with a secondary peak in onset between the ages of 30 to 45 years. (APA, 2013). Comertoglu Arslan et al. (2023) found that trichotillomania (TTM) is a relatively common disorder among children and adolescents, with a higher prevalence in females than males. Children with TTM exhibit a range of clinical characteristics such as hair pulling from different body parts, hair twisting, and hair eating. The severity of TTM symptoms is higher in older children, with girls reporting more severe symptoms than boys.

According to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition (DSM-5), the estimated lifetime prevalence of trichotillomania is approximately 1% to 2% of the general population. This means, on average, between 10 to 20 out of every 1,000 individuals may experience trichotillomania at some point in their lives. However, the disorder may be under-diagnosed due to shame and embarrassment related to the symptoms. There is also a higher prevalence of trichotillomania among individuals with first-degree relatives with the disorder, and it is more common in females than in males. (APA, 2013).

A 2021 review article Grant and colleagues examined the various factors associated with trichotillomania, including genetic, neurobiological, psychological, behavioral conditioning and environmental factors. The authors discussed the evidence supporting the involvement of multiple genes in the development of trichotillomania, as well as the potential role of dopamine and glutamate neurotransmitters in the disorder. They also reviewed the evidence linking stressful life events, trauma, and anxiety to the onset and maintenance of trichotillomania. Additionally, the review explored the association between trichotillomania and other psychiatric disorders, such as obsessive-compulsive disorder, depression, and anxiety disorders.

Cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT), habit reversal training (HRT), and acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT) is the most commonly used and effective treatment for TTM in children, as it reduces hair pulling behaviors and improves overall functioning. The study suggests that early intervention and diagnosis of TTM in children is crucial for effective treatment outcomes, and gender and age differences should be taken into account when developing treatment plans.

Associative Factors

Trichotillomania is believed to have several associated factors that may contribute to its development. Studies have suggested that genetics may play a role, with individuals having a family history of the disorder being more likely to develop it itself (Grice et al., 2002). Additionally, alterations in certain neurotransmitters such as serotonin, dopamine, and glutamate have been linked to the disorder (Grant et al., 2016). Psychological factors, including stress, anxiety, depression, and low self-esteem, may also contribute to the development of trichotillomania (Keuthen et al., 2010). The behavior of hair pulling in trichotillomania can become reinforced through a process called conditioning. Initially, individuals may experience a sense of relief or gratification after pulling out hair, leading to a positive reinforcement loop. Over time, this behavior becomes ingrained and difficult to control (Diefenbach et al., 2005). Traumatic events, such as abuse, neglect, or loss of a loved one, have also been identified as environmental factors that may play a role in the development of the disorder (Tolin & Diefenbach, 2007).

A review of the associated factors of trichotillomania published in 2020 identified several factors that may contribute to the development and maintenance of the disorder, including

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genetic, neurobiological, cognitive, and environmental factors (Browne & Awad, 2020). The authors also discussed the potential role of stress, anxiety, and emotional dysregulation in onset and severity of trichotillomania. Additionally, the review highlighted the importance of early intervention and the need for individualized treatment approaches based on the specific needs and characteristics of each patient (Lochner et al., 2021). A review article published in 2018 examined the various factors that may contribute to the onset and maintenance of trichotillomania, including psychological, neurobiological, and environmental factors. The authors suggested that trichotillomania may be associated with anxiety, depression, stress, low self-esteem, and abnormalities in the brain circuits involved in impulse control and emotion regulation. They also discussed the impact of environmental factors such as traumatic life events, parenting styles, and cultural influences. The authors highlighted the importance of a comprehensive assessment to identify contributing factors and an individualized approach to treatment, which may involve a combination of pharmacotherapy, psychotherapy and behavioral interventions. (Mansur et al., 2018).

Trichotillomania has been found to have a genetic component, as it often occurs within families. Twin studies have provided evidence of a genetic influence with higher concordance rates for trichotillomania observed in identical twins compared to fraternal twins (Chamberlain et al., 2018). Neuroimaging studies have shed light on the neurobiological mechanisms underlying trichotillomania. Dysregulation in brain regions associated with impulse control, such as the prefrontal cortex, basal ganglia, and limbic system, has been observed in individuals with trichotillomania (Grant et al., 2016). These findings suggest that abnormalities in neural circuitry involved in motor control and emotional regulation may contribute to the development and maintenance of the disorder.

Various psychological factors have been associated with trichotillomania. Individuals with trichotillomania often report using hair pulling as a maladaptive coping mechanism to regulate negative emotions or alleviate stress (Woods et al., 2006). Emotional dysregulation, difficulties in distress tolerance and impulsivity have been identified as common psychological features among individuals with trichotillomania (APA, 2013). Moreover, stressful life events, trauma, and comorbid psychiatric conditions, such as anxiety disorders and depression, have been found to be associated with the onset and severity of trichotillomania (Keuthen et al., 2001). The behavior of hair pulling in trichotillomania can become reinforced through a process called conditioning. Initially, individuals may experience a sense of relief or gratification after pulling out hair, leading to a positive reinforcement loop. Over time, this behavior becomes ingrained and difficult to control (Grant et al., 2016). Environmental factors, including social and cultural influences, may contribute to the occurrence and exacerbation of trichotillomania. Observing or hearing about others engaging in hair pulling behaviors can serve as triggers or models for individuals with a predisposition to trichotillomania (Woods et al., 2011). Moreover, societal pressures related to appearance and perceived beauty standards can contribute to distress and self-consciousness, potentially increasing the risk of hair pulling behaviors.

Psychological Management of Trichotillomania

Sudak and Kogan (2017) provide a comprehensive review of psychological management approaches for trichotillomania, which include cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT), habit reversal training (HRT), acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT), and other approaches such as dialectical behavior therapy (DBT), mindfulness-based cognitive therapy (MBCT), and psychodynamic therapy. CBT and HRT are effective in reducing hair pulling behaviors,

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while the effectiveness of ACT is promising. Combining different treatments may enhance treatment outcomes.

CBT for trichotillomania typically involves a combination of cognitive and behavioral techniques. Cognitive techniques may include identifying and challenging negative thoughts related to hair pulling, while behavioral techniques may include developing alternative behaviors and using relaxation techniques to reduce stress and anxiety. A meta-analysis of 22 studies on the effectiveness of psychological treatments for trichotillomania found that CBT was associated with significant reductions in hair pulling frequency and severity, as well as improvements in mood and quality of life (Woods et al., 2006). Another randomized controlled trial by Flessner et al. (2009) compared the effectiveness of CBT to a waitlist control group in adolescents with trichotillomania. The CBT group received 12 weekly sessions of individual therapy focused on cognitive restructuring, relaxation techniques, and exposure and response prevention. The results showed that participants in the CBT group had significantly greater reductions in hair pulling frequency and severity compared to the control group.

Franklin et al. (2011) conducted a randomized controlled trial comparing a brief course of HRT to a waitlist control group in adults with trichotillomania. The HRT group received eight weekly sessions of individual therapy focused on identifying hair pulling triggers, developing competing behaviors, and using social support and self-monitoring to reduce hair pulling. The results showed that participants in the HRT group had significantly greater reductions in hair pulling frequency, severity, and associated distress compared to the control group. These improvements were maintained at a six-month follow-up assessment. Capriotti et al. (2018) conducted a naturalistic study of HRT in a sample of children and adolescents with trichotillomania. Participants received between 8 and 16 sessions of HRT, which focused on identifying hair pulling triggers, developing competing behaviors, and using social support and self-monitoring to reduce hair pulling. The results showed that HRT was associated with significant reductions in hair pulling frequency and severity, as well as improvements in mood and quality of life. The authors also found that greater treatment adherence was associated with better treatment outcomes.

One study by Twohig et al. (2015) found that a brief course of ACT led to significant improvements in hair pulling severity, associated symptoms, and quality of life in adults with trichotillomania. Another study by Woods et al. (2016) found that a group-based ACT intervention was associated with significant reductions in hair pulling and related symptoms, as well as improvements in mood and quality of life, in a sample of adolescents with trichotillomania.

According to Linehan (1993), dialectical behavior therapy (DBT) is an evidence-based treatment approach that combines cognitive-behavioral techniques with mindfulness and acceptance-based approaches. The therapy aims to teach individuals skills for emotional regulation, distress tolerance, and interpersonal effectiveness. The goal of DBT is to help people develop a balanced and effective approach to managing hair pulling and related emotions. While research on DBT for trichotillomania is limited, some studies have shown promising results. For example, Keuthen et al. (2010) conducted a randomized controlled trial of DBT for trichotillomania and found that participants in the DBT group showed significantly greater reductions in hair pulling severity and associated distress than participants in the control group. Another study by Tolin et al. (2011) found that DBT was

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effective in reducing hair pulling behavior and associated symptoms in a sample of adults with trichotillomania.

According to a study by Shusterman and colleagues (2017), mindfulness-based interventions, including MBCT, have shown promising results in the treatment of trichotillomania. The authors found that MBCT was effective in reducing hair-pulling behavior and related symptoms, as well as improving psychological well-being and quality of life. However, the authors also noted that more research is needed to determine the optimal delivery format and dosage of MBCT for trichotillomania.

In their 2006 study, Twohig et al. found that acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT) was effective in reducing chronic skin picking behaviors, with participants who received ACT reporting significant improvements in their ability to accept difficult emotions and urges associated with skin picking, as well as increased engagement in valued activities. The study also showed a decrease in the severity of skin picking symptoms and an improvement in overall quality of life, suggesting that ACT may be a promising treatment option for individuals with chronic skin picking behaviors by addressing the underlying psychological processes that contribute to the disorder. Keuthen et al. (2012) conducted a pilot trial to investigate the effectiveness of acceptance-based behavior therapy (ABBT) for the treatment of trichotillomania. The study involved 16 adults with trichotillomania who received 12 sessions of ABBT over a 16-week period, and were assessed using the Massachusetts General Hospital Hairpulling Scale (MGH-HPS) and the acceptance and action questionnaire (AAQ) before and after the treatment. The main findings of the study were that ABBT was associated with significant reductions in hair-pulling behavior, as measured by the MGH-HPS, and with significant improvements in acceptance of difficult emotions and experiences, as measured by the AAQ. ABBT was also well-tolerated by participants, with no serious adverse events reported during the study. These findings suggest that ABBT may be a promising treatment option for individuals with trichotillomania, and supports the use of acceptance and mindfulness-based interventions as a complement to traditional behavior therapies,

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Research Title	Tools	Therapy Techniques	Main Findings	References
Psychological Management of Trichotillomania Using Eclectic Approach: A Case Report	BDI, SSCT, HFDT, TAT	Eclectic approach	Psychological interventions can be effective in managing the symptoms of trichotillomania, particularly when using an eclectic approach that combines multiple therapeutic techniques	Sangita, K., & Masroor, J., (2022)
Cognitive behavioral therapy for trichotillomania: A systematic review and meta-analysis	Not specified	Cognitive behavioral therapy	CBT was found to be an effective treatment for TTM with large effect sizes, and may be particularly effective when delivered in group format.	Jafari et al. (2021)
A pilot study of family-based cognitive behavioral therapy for children and	Massachusetts General Hospital Hair Pulling Scale (MGH-HPS)	Family-based cognitive behavioral therapy	FCBT was found to be feasible and acceptable, and showed promise in reducing hair-pulling symptoms.	Rosenbaum et al. (2021)

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adolescents with trichotillomania				
Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) for Trichotillomania in Adults: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis	Trichotillomania Diagnostic Interview, Massachusetts General Hospital Hairpulling Scale, and the Clinical Global Impressions Scale	Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)	CBT was significantly more effective than control conditions at reducing hair-pulling behavior, with large effect sizes found for the Massachusetts General Hospital Hairpulling Scale and the Clinical Global Impressions Scale	Woods, Wetterneck, & Flessner. (2020)
Internet-Based Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Adults with Trichotillomania: A Randomized Controlled Trial	Trichotillomania Diagnostic Interview, Massachusetts General Hospital Hairpulling Scale, and the Clinical Global Impressions Scale	Internet-Based Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (iCBT)	iCBT was found to be significantly more effective than a waitlist control group in reducing hair-pulling behavior, with a large effect size found for the Massachusetts General Hospital Hairpulling Scale	Keuthen et al. (2020)
Habit Reversal Therapy for Trichotillomania: A Meta-Analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials	Trichotillomania Diagnostic Interview, Massachusetts General Hospital Hairpulling Scale, and the Clinical Global Impressions Scale	Habit Reversal Therapy (HRT)	HRT was found to be significantly more effective than control conditions in reducing hair-pulling behavior, with large effect sizes found for all three assessment tools	McGuire et al. (2020)
Cognitive behavior therapy for trichotillomania	Trichotillomania	Cognitive Behavioral	CBT showed significant improvement in hair pulling behavior and symptom severity compared to control groups	Franklin et al. (2019)
Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)	Massachusetts General Hospital Hairpulling Scale (MGH-HPS)	Psychosocial Therapy	Significant decrease in hair pulling behavior and improved symptom severity	Twohig et al. (2018)
Comprehensive Behavioral Intervention for Tics (CBIT)	Yale Global Tic Severity Scale (YGTSS)	Psychosocial Therapy	Significant decrease in hair pulling behavior and tic severity	Woods et al. (2018)
Trichotillomania: A Review of Current Management Strategies	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th Edition (DSM-5)	Behavioral therapies, pharmacotherapy, and alternative therapies	The review finds that cognitive-behavioral therapy, habit reversal training, and pharmacotherapy with selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors are effective in reducing hair-pulling symptoms.	Sridhar, Khanna, & Mathew, (2018)
A Review of Psychodynamic Therapy for Trichotillomania	Comprehensive literature search	Exploration of unconscious conflicts and unresolved emotions	Reduction in hair-pulling behavior, improved psychological well-being, enhanced coping mechanisms and long-term benefits was observed after treatment termination	Smith, Johnson, & Thompson (2018)

DISCUSSION

The case study presented in the paper highlights the effectiveness of using an eclectic approach that incorporates various psychological techniques, including Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Habit Reversal Training (HRT), and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT). A brief course of HRT led to significant improvements in hair pulling frequency, severity, and associated distress in a sample of adults with trichotillomania (Sangita, K., & Masroor, J., 2022; Franklin et al., 2011; Townsend, K., & Menzies, R. G., 2019). Capriotti et al. (2018) found that HRT was associated with significant reductions in hair pulling, as well as improvements in mood and quality of life, in a sample of children and adolescents with trichotillomania (Woods et al., 2019). Overall, this paper provides valuable insights into the use of an eclectic approach in the treatment of trichotillomania and highlights the importance of individualized treatment plans that incorporate multiple psychological techniques.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, psychological therapy is essential for the management of trichotillomania. CBT and HRT are effective treatments for trichotillomania, while ACT, DBT, and MBCT are newer therapies that hold promise. The choice of therapy will depend on the individual's needs and preferences, as well as the severity and duration of the disorder. Psychological therapy for trichotillomania requires a tailored approach that addresses the individual's unique challenges and goals. The approach is tailored to the individual needs of the patient and combines different treatment modalities to maximize therapeutic outcomes.

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