

Supplemental material

Principal components analysis was used to obtain factor scores from the first principal component of both CSS-12 subscales and SCS scale. Kaiser's criterion and a scree plot were used to determine the number of factors. A single principal component was extracted, explaining 57.57% of the variance. In Table 3, a component matrix is presented.

Table 3 Component loadings of the CSS-12 scales and SCS scale

Scale	Component loading	Communalities after extraction
CSS Excessiveness	.723	.522
CSS Distress	.879	.772
CSS Reassurance	.694	.481
CSS Compulsion	.668	.446
SCS	.810	.657

Note. CSS = Cyberchondria Severity Scale; SCS = Short Cyberchondria Scale.

In Table 4, means, standard deviations, corrected item-total correlations, squared multiple correlation, and Cronbach alpha if item deleted, for CSS-12 and SCS are shown.

Table 4 Item statistics of the CSS-12 and SCS item

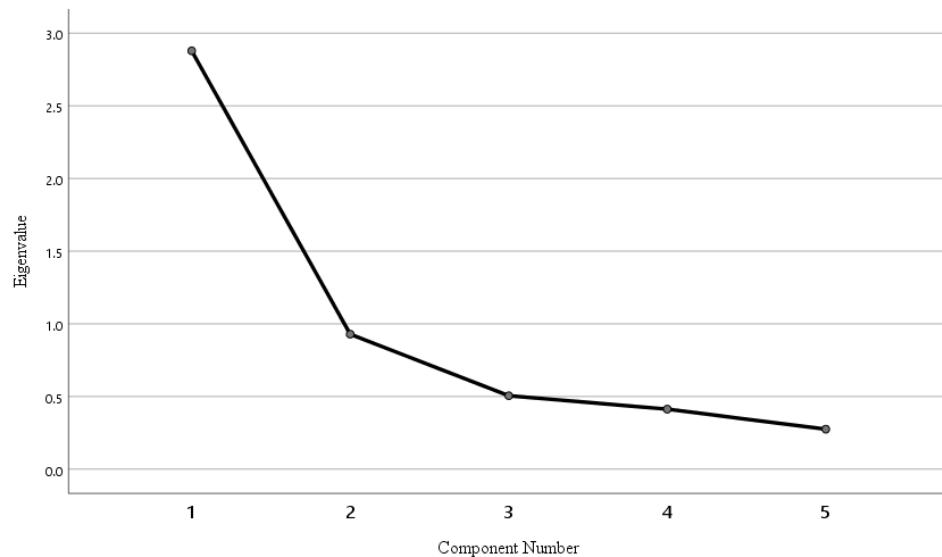
Tool	Item	M	SD	Corr. item-total	SMC	α if item deleted
CSS	1	3.02	1.053	.499	.495	.856
	2	1.77	1.066	.375	.317	.864
	3	2.78	1.170	.562	.499	.852
	4	2.07	1.100	.669	.517	.844
	5	2.77	1.219	.438	.309	.861
	6	2.27	1.088	.681	.549	.843
	7	1.33	0.763	.448	.385	.859
	8	1.79	1.080	.588	.484	.850
	9	2.18	1.146	.684	.593	.843
	10	1.42	0.854	.490	.445	.856
	11	1.45	0.807	.576	.432	.852
	12	1.91	1.103	.557	.467	.852
SCS	1	2.61	1.039	.531	.306	.825
	2	2.07	1.168	.776	.645	.711
	3	1.90	1.144	.746	.617	.728
	4	1.82	1.089	.544	.317	.821

Note. CSS = Cyberchondria severity scale; SCS = Short cyberchondria scale; M = Mean; SD = standard deviation; Corr. item-total = corrected item-total correlation; SMC = squared multiple correlation. Average correlation of CSS-12 items was .349, and .532. of SCS items.

In Figure 1, the scree plot is presented.

Figure 1

Scree Plot



In Figure 2 and Figure 3, the two mediation diagrams are presented.

Figure 2

Mediation Model 1, with Pseudoscientific Practices as the Outcome

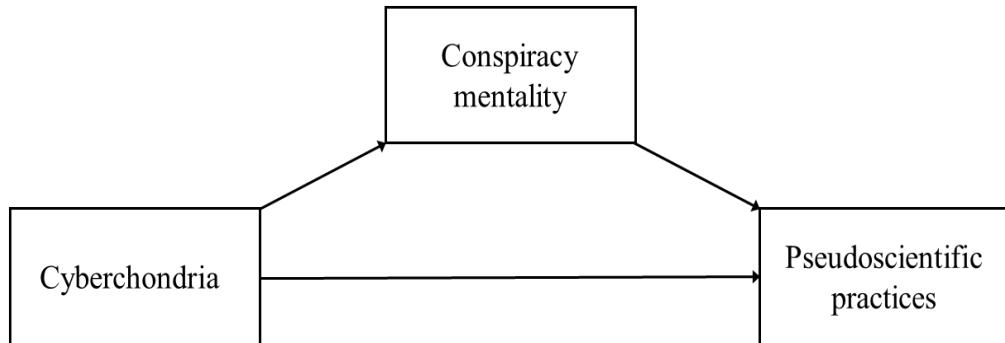
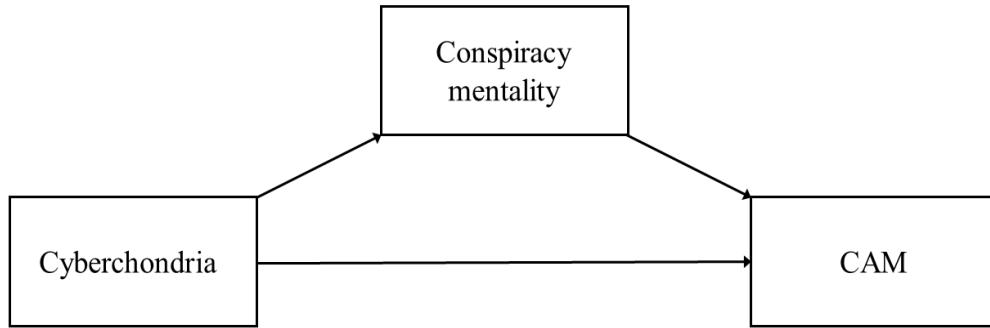


Figure 3

Mediation model 2, with CAM as the Outcome



In Table 5, the unstandardized and standardized loadings, covariances and variances of the CSS-12 from the CFA are presented, for the four-factor model, along with standard errors, z-values, and *p*-values.

Table 5 Factor loadings, covariances and variances of the CSS-12 four-factor model

parameter	Estimate	S.E	z-value	<i>p</i> value	Std.all
Excessiveness =~					
CSS_1	1				.731
CSS_3	1.154	0.061	18.913	<.001	.759
CSS_6	1.149	0.086	13.348	<.001	.813
Distress =~					
CSS_4	1				.740
CSS_8	0.967	0.076	12.67	<.001	.728
CSS_9	1.197	0.081	14.786	<.001	.850
Reassurance =~					
CSS_5	1				.583
CSS_11	0.816	0.099	8.221	<.001	.718
CSS_12	1.226	0.100	12.206	<.001	.790
Compulsion =~					
CSS_2	1				.620
CSS_7	0.812	0.084	9.668	<.001	.703
CSS_10	0.974	0.104	9.402	<.001	.753

Covariances:

Excessiveness ~~					
Distress	0.397	0.054	7.330	<.001	.634
Reassurance	0.386	0.045	8.661	<.001	.707
Compulsion	0.172	0.039	4.379	<.001	.338

Table 5 Factor loadings, covariances and variances of the CSS-12 four-factor model

parameter	Estimate	S.E.	z-value	p value	Std.all
Distress ~~					
Reassurance	0.350	0.049	7.112	<.001	.606
Compulsion	0.411	0.052	7.925	<.001	.765
Reassurance ~~					
Compulsion	0.182	0.040	4.542	<.001	.388
Variances:					
CSS_1	0.516	0.049	10.504	<.001	.466
CSS_3	0.579	0.065	8.875	<.001	.424
CSS_6	0.401	0.050	8.035	<.001	.339
CSS_4	0.547	0.057	9.581	<.001	.453
CSS_8	0.547	0.062	8.819	<.001	.469
CSS_9	0.364	0.055	6.678	<.001	.278
CSS_5	0.979	0.082	11.974	<.001	.660
CSS_11	0.315	0.032	9.900	<.001	.484
CSS_12	0.457	0.062	7.402	<.001	.376
CSS_2	0.699	0.079	8.841	<.001	.616
CSS_7	0.294	0.059	4.965	<.001	.506
CSS_10	0.315	0.053	5.906	<.001	.433
Excessiveness	0.592	0.065	9.131	<.001	1
Distress	0.661	0.087	7.598	<.001	1
Reassurance	0.504	0.077	6.535	<.001	1
Compulsion	0.435	0.081	5.377	<.001	1

Note. S.E. = standard error; Std.all = standardized coefficients.

In Table 6, unstandardized and standardized estimates, as well as variances for the SCS are shown.

Table 6 Factor loadings, and variances of the SCS items

parameter	Estimate	S.E.	z-value	p value	Std.all
SCS =~					
SCS_1	1				.587
SCS_2	1.730	0.116	14.931	<.001	.904
SCS_3	1.599	0.117	13.624	<.001	.853
SCS_4	1.065	0.116	9.213	<.001	.597
Variances:					
SCS_1	0.707	0.047	15.07	<.001	.655
SCS_2	0.250	0.057	4.418	<.001	.183
SCS_3	0.356	0.064	5.595	<.001	.272
SCS_4	0.761	0.061	12.496	<.001	.643
SCS	0.372	0.052	7.167	<.001	1

Note. S.E. = standard error; Std.all = standardized coefficients.

In Table 7, the parameters of the bifactor S-1 model of the CSS-12, are presented. Compulsion is the reference g-factor.

Table 7 Factor loadings, covariances and variances of the bifactor S-1 model (CSS-12 items)

parameter	Estimate	S.E	z-value	p value	Std.all
excessiveness =~					
CSS_1	1				.778
CSS_3	1.069	0.060	17.686	<.001	.749
CSS_6	0.931	0.068	13.633	<.001	.701
distress =~					
CSS_4	1				.674
CSS_8	0.446	0.100	4.463	<.001	.306
CSS_9	0.708	0.091	7.742	<.001	.458
reassurance =~					
CSS_5	1				.588
CSS_11	0.665	0.091	7.345	<.001	.590
CSS_12	1.148	0.114	10.032	<.001	.745
g =~					
CSS_2	1				.591
CSS_7	0.819	0.085	9.619	<.001	.677
CSS_10	1.037	0.103	10.021	<.001	.765
CSS_1	0.156	0.126	1.237	.216	.093
CSS_3	0.355	0.122	2.908	.004	.191
CSS_6	0.680	0.160	4.262	<.001	.394
CSS_4	0.838	0.160	5.249	<.001	.480
CSS_8	1.129	0.155	7.308	<.001	.659
CSS_9	1.246	0.131	9.533	<.001	.685
CSS_5	0.305	0.114	2.677	.007	.158
CSS_11	0.508	0.120	4.245	<.001	.397
CSS_12	0.517	0.133	3.873	<.001	.295
Covariances:					
excessiveness ~~					
distress	0.418	0.058	7.191	<.001	.690
reassurance	0.383	0.052	7.402	<.001	.654
distress ~~					
reassurance	0.259	0.055	4.722	<.001	.490
Variances:					
CSS_1	0.428	0.045	9.496	<.001	.386
CSS_3	0.551	0.056	9.744	<.001	.403

Table 7 Factor loadings, covariances and variances of the bifactor S-1 model (CSS-12 items)

parameter	Estimate	S.E.	z-value	p value	Std.all
CSS_6	0.417	0.039	10.798	<.001	.353
CSS_4	0.381	0.057	6.666	<.001	.315
CSS_8	0.550	0.064	8.564	<.001	.472
CSS_9	0.421	0.053	7.872	<.001	.321
CSS_5	0.934	0.082	11.446	<.001	.630
CSS_11	0.322	0.031	10.457	<.001	.494
CSS_12	0.434	0.063	6.871	<.001	.358
CSS_2	0.738	0.080	9.277	<.001	.650
CSS_7	0.315	0.061	5.200	<.001	.542
CSS_10	0.302	0.049	6.150	<.001	.415
excessiveness	0.670	0.067	9.957	<.001	1
distress	0.549	0.092	5.941	<.001	1
reassurance	0.512	0.078	6.598	<.001	1
g	0.397	0.079	5.012	<.001	1

Note. S.E. = standard error; Std.all = standardized coefficients.

In the next two tables, the Serbian versions of CSS-12 and SCS are shown.

CSS-12 – Cyberchondria Severity Scale

Pročitajte sledeće izjave i razmislite u kojoj meri se one odnose na Vas. Odgovor za svaku tvrdnju navedite označavanjem odgovarajućeg broja od 1 do 5, pri čemu brojevi znače:

1 – Nikada; 2 – Retko; 3 – Ponekad; 4 – Često; 5 – Uvek

Rečnik pojmova:

1. *Simptom*: neobjašnjena telesna promena (npr. kašalj, glavobolja, kvržica / otok u nekom području tela).
2. *Prepostavljena bolest*: bolest za koju smatrate da biste je mogli imati, ali koju nije zvanično dijagnostikovao lekar / stručnjak.
3. *Pretraživanje na internetu*: upisivanje pojmove u internet pretraživač (npr. Google, Bing) i čitanje podataka iz dobijenih internet stranica.

1	Ukoliko primetim neobjašnjive telesne promene, potražiću simptome na internetu.	1	2	3	4	5
2	Istraživanje simptoma ili prepostavljenih bolesti na internetu me ometa u čitanju vesti/sportskih novosti/zabavnih članaka.	1	2	3	4	5
3	Čitam različite internet stranice o istom uočenom zdravstvenom stanju.	1	2	3	4	5
4	Uhvati me panika kad na internetu pročitam da je moj simptom prisutan u retkim/ozbiljnim bolestima.	1	2	3	4	5
5	Pretraživanje simptoma ili prepostavljene bolesti na internetu će me navesti da se konsultujem sa lekarom opšte prakse.	1	2	3	4	5
6	Više puta tražim iste simptome na internetu.	1	2	3	4	5
7	Istraživanje simptoma ili prepostavljene bolesti na internetu ometa moj posao (npr. pisanje mejlova, rad u Word dokumentima ili tabelama).	1	2	3	4	5
8	Mislim da sam dobro dok ne pročitam nešto o ozbiljnoj bolesti na internetu.	1	2	3	4	5
9	Nakon pretraživanja simptoma ili prepostavljene bolesti osećam se nervoznije i rastresenije, nego pre pretraživanja.	1	2	3	4	5
10	Istraživanje simptoma ili prepostavljenih bolesti na internetu ometa mi svakodnevne društvene aktivnosti (npr. skraćuje vreme provedeno u društvu prijatelja / porodice).	1	2	3	4	5
11	Predlažem lekaru opšte prakse / specijalisti da mi je potrebna posebna analiza o kojoj sam čitao/la na internetu (npr. biopsija, posebna analiza krvi).	1	2	3	4	5
12	Istraživanje simptoma ili prepostavljene bolesti na internetu me podstiče na savetovanje s drugim specijalistima (npr. traženje drugog mišljenja).	1	2	3	4	5

SCS – Short Cyberchondria Scale

Molimo Vas da za svaku tvrdnju označite onaj odgovor za koji smatrate da se najviše odnosi na Vas:

1 – Uopšte se ne slažem; 2 – Uglavnom se ne slažem; 3 – Niti se slažem, niti se ne slažem; 4 – Uglavnom se slažem; 5 – Potpuno se slažem

Nakon pretrage informacija o zdravlju na internetu...

1.	zbunjen/a sam tim informacijama koje sam pronašao/la.	1	2	3	4	5
2.	osećam se preplašeno.	1	2	3	4	5
3.	osećam se frustrirano.	1	2	3	4	5
4.	Kada jednom počnem da ih tražim, teško mi je da prestanem.	1	2	3	4	5

Health Anxiety Questionnaire (HAQ)

Ispred Vas se nalazi spisak tvrdnji koje se odnose na anksioznost u vezi sa zdravljem. Molimo Vas da pažljivo pročitate svaku tvrdnju. Označite koliko često Vam se inače javljaju navedene misli ili osećanja, biranjem određenog broja pored svake stavke. Brojevi znače sledeće:

1 – Uopšte ne ili retko; 2 – Ponekad; 3 – Često; 4 – Većinu vremena

1	Brinem o sopstvenom zdravlju.	1	2	3	4
2	Brinem da bih u budućnosti mogao/la da obolim od ozbiljne bolesti.	1	2	3	4
3	Plaši me pomisao o ozbiljnoj bolesti.	1	2	3	4
4	Kada doživim neugodan osećaj u telu, teško mi je da razmišljam o nečemu drugom.	1	2	3	4
5	Pregledam svoje telo kako bih otkrio/la ima li ičeg nepravilnog ili neuobičajenog.	1	2	3	4
6	Kada me nešto boli ili smeta, brinem da li je to možda posledica ozbiljne bolesti.	1	2	3	4
7	Teško mi je da prestanem da brinem o zdravlju.	1	2	3	4
8	Brinem se kada doživim neugodan osećaj u telu.	1	2	3	4
9	Kada se ujutro probudim, vrlo brzo počnem da brinem o zdravlju.	1	2	3	4
10	Vesti o ozbiljnoj bolesti ili smrti poznanika povećavaju moju zabrinutost za sopstveno zdravlje.	1	2	3	4
11	Kada čitam ili čujem o ozbiljnoj bolesti na televiziji ili radiju, pomislim da možda i ja bolujem od iste bolesti.	1	2	3	4
12	Kada doživim neugodne osećaje u telu, pitam prijatelje ili porodicu šta misle o tome.	1	2	3	4
13	Često čitam o bolestima kako bih proverio/la bolujem li od neke.	1	2	3	4
14	Bojim se vesti koje me podsećaju na smrt (npr. sahrane, osmrtnice).	1	2	3	4
15	Bojim se da bih uskoro mogao da umrem.	1	2	3	4
16	Bojim se da možda imam rak.	1	2	3	4
17	Bojim se da možda imam srčanu bolest.	1	2	3	4
18	Bojim se da možda imam neku drugu ozbiljnu bolest.	1	2	3	4
19	Moji telesni simptomi me sprečavaju da radim.	1	2	3	4

20	Moji telesni simptomi me sprečavaju u usmeravanju pažnje na ono što radim.	1	2	3	4
21	Moji telesni simptomi me sprečavaju da uživam.	1	2	3	4