



Appendix

Semi- Structured Interview Schedule

Introductory Question

- Are you familiar with the phenomenon of hidden violence in intimate relationships? If so, what are your first thoughts about that?

1) Experiences In Working With Hidden Abused Clients

- From your personal carrier, can you describe me the psychotherapeutic process with hidden abused clients?
- What thoughts of yours might come up when you realize something like that in your client's narratives?
- How do people seeking psychological support for mental/ emotional difficulties make sense their experiences of emotional or verbal abuse?
- How this reality is related to their primary reason for psychotherapy?
- Are somehow these aspects linked in your thinking? If yes, how do you manage to cope?
- How this situation affects your emotional world?
- Can you describe me with your own words the therapeutic alliance with people who receive this kind of abuse?
- What are your therapeutic goals?
- What interventions do you choose to follow in order to achieve those goals?
- What do you do when there are implications of hidden violence in your client? (prompts: do you recognize it easily?)
- Can you describe me more the process behind your decision to focus or not to the phenomenon?
- What is challenging when working with hidden abuse receivers?
- How do you feel about those challenges? (prompts: emotions, thoughts)

2) Experiences in Covid- 19 Era

- Could you, now, share with me your experiences in remote working with this population?
- What were your first thoughts?
- What do you think about those changes in psychotherapy in relation with this exact population?
- Can you describe me some interventions regarding online therapy with hidden abused clients?
- From your point of view, what is most different or challenging when working remotely with this population?
- How do you manage to cope with those challenges?
- What do you do if you sense that your client might have troubles linked to unseen violence during your online sessions?

3) Further Knowledge about the Phenomenon

- From your point of view, how does hidden violence affects everyday lives of recipients?
- What words or images come to your mind if you describe the therapeutic process with this population?
- How those people tend to describe themselves from your experience?
- Is having support making a difference on how they manage to cope with hidden violence in their romantic relationships? (If yes → How did this happen? , If not → why do you believe this happens?)
- If there is something you could say to other therapists working with hidden violence receivers, what would that be?