

Supplemental Material S2. Interview topic guide containing initial and follow-up open-ended questions

Topic	Key question	Prompts / Tasks	Phrases / Reminders
<i>Experience:</i> Hearing impairment	What are the perspectives of living with hearing impairment for participants with comorbid psychological symptoms?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is your experience with hearing loss? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Impacts ○ Perceived disability • How do you feel about your hearing loss? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thoughts ○ Emotions ○ Attitudes ○ Beliefs • How do you cope with your hearing loss? • How do you think your experience of hearing loss is different to those without <i>depression/anxiety etc</i>? 	How is it different for you?
<i>Experience:</i> Audiological rehabilitation	What is the lived experience of audiological rehabilitation for older adults with comorbid psychological symptoms?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell me about your hearing rehabilitation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Devices ○ Anyone with you at appointment ○ Thoughts / feelings throughout ○ Appointments ○ Challenges ○ Successes 	How is it different for you?

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<i>Experience:</i> Mental health	What psychological symptoms or disorders do we see in participants with hearing impairment?	<p><i>Initial question will be guided by history form and questionnaires already collected from participant</i></p> <p>Reported diagnosis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell me about your experience with <i>disorder</i>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Symptoms ○ Onset, duration, remission ○ Diagnosis and treatments <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Psychological symptoms on screening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell me about your experiences with <i>symptoms</i>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Onset, duration ○ Help sought, treatments • Do you see any relationship between your hearing loss and your mental health? Do you think they might be linked? • How do you feel about discussing mental health with others? (e.g. family / friends / health care providers) 	<p>Take some time to think...</p> <p>You don't need to go into a lot of detail here....</p> <p>That might be something to talk to your doctor about...</p>
<i>Experience:</i> Audiologists	What is the experience of conversations with audiologists for older adults with comorbid psychological symptoms?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell me about your relationship with your audiologist. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One clinician or multiple ○ Trust / comfort ○ Communication • Tell me about any times you talked about thoughts, feelings or emotions with your audiologist. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How did this come up? ○ What was discussed? ○ How did this make you feel? • If you didn't discuss thoughts or emotions with your audiologist, why not? • How do you feel about audiologists addressing mental wellbeing related to your hearing loss? 	

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<i>Experience:</i> Outcomes	What are the perspectives of audiological rehabilitation outcomes for older adults with comorbid psychological symptoms?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How have things changed things in your life after experiencing hearing rehabilitation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hearing ○ Activities ○ Participation ○ Thoughts / feelings • Has hearing rehabilitation changed your psychological symptoms? 	

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<i>Opinions</i>	What do older adults with comorbid psychological symptoms think will improve audiological rehabilitation?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What could have been changed in your hearing rehabilitation that would have better supported your mental wellbeing?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ What was done well or that helped?• What could your audiologist have done?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ What did they do well?• What else would make the rehabilitation experience the best it can be?• Is there anything else that you would like to add that we haven't already discussed?	
