



UK Society for Behaviour Analysis

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To: Carol Pilgrim, President, Association for Behaviour Analysis International and
Maria Malott, CEO

The Board of the UK-SBA wishes to express our profound disappointment at the inclusion of Symposium 196 on the use of Contingent Skin Shock (CSS) at the upcoming Association of Behaviour Analysis International (ABAI) Conference in Boston, USA.

The UK-SBA considers the use of CSS to be cruel and unjustified. The inclusion of this symposium at the flagship conference lends credibility to the idea that painful consequences as a form of behaviour modification is a legitimate and accepted behaviour analytic intervention.

The UK-SBA has a policy that forbids our members from using painful and degrading consequences. Our members take a positive and functional approach to skill building and behaviour change.

We applaud the other European organisations for withdrawing their status as ABAI affiliated chapters. Our members in the United Kingdom are resolute in our opposition to the use of painful and degrading consequences.

Sincerely,

UKSBA Board of Directors