




# Self-Repair in Women with Symptoms of Borderline Personality Disorder: A Qualitative Study



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## 1. Round 1

### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

In the paragraph discussing self-fragmentation, the concepts of “temporal discontinuity” and “narrative incoherence” appear interchangeable. Clarifying the theoretical distinction between these constructs would strengthen conceptual precision.

The sentence “Positive and negative emotional fluctuations complicate attempts at self-repair” lacks explanation of the mechanism linking affective instability to breakdowns in self-regulation. Including a brief explanatory mechanism would improve the argument.

The statement “Women often encounter societal pressures... that exacerbate identity instability” is presented as universal. The manuscript should acknowledge variability in gendered experiences rather than implying uniformity.

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## 1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The discussion of narrative identity states that “re-narration techniques help individuals reinterpret past experiences,” but does not specify which techniques were most supported in the reviewed literature. More descriptive detail would clarify the claim.

The authors note that “the adequacy of twenty-one sources was determined based on the principle of saturation,” but do not describe how saturation was evaluated in a literature-based thematic synthesis. A methodological justification is needed.

The statement “five independent reviewers carefully examined the entire process of data extraction” should be expanded by explaining how disagreements were resolved and whether consensus meetings or adjudication procedures were used.

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## 2. Revised

Editor’s decision after revisions: Accepted.

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