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# Dialectical Behavior Therapy: Impact on Self-Harming Behaviors, Bullying, and Cognitive Emotion Regulation in Delinquent Teenagers

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#### 1. Round 1

#### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

Comment: The introduction provides a broad overview of juvenile delinquency and its increasing trend. However, it could benefit from more recent statistics and a clearer connection between the rise in delinquency and the need for Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT). Consider updating the statistics and providing a more direct link to the relevance of DBT in this context. "Juvenile delinquency has increased by 5% annually. In Iran, it has become a primary concern for judicial security and executive authorities (Mahdavi Dehestan & Pasandideh 2019)".

While the introduction defines key terms like "bullying" and "self-harming behaviors," it would be helpful to differentiate clearly between these behaviors and how they uniquely affect juvenile offenders. "Bullying is a type of intentional and repetitive physical, verbal, or psychological behavior".

Authors uploaded the revised manuscript.



#### 1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

Intervention Details:

The description of the DBT intervention sessions is clear but lacks specifics on the duration of each session and the qualifications of the therapists conducting them. Include this information to enhance the methodological rigor. "The DBT protocol consisted of 12 therapy sessions based on Linehan's (1993) therapeutic protocol".

The inclusion and exclusion criteria are briefly mentioned. Elaborate on how these criteria were applied and any challenges encountered during participant selection. "Inclusion criteria included no drug addiction at the time of participating in the educational program".

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### 2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted. Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.

