

Prediction of Borderline Personality Disorder Based on Attachment Style, Emotion Regulation, and Social Support in Women

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The opening paragraph provides an extensive clinical overview of BPD but lacks a clear transition toward the three focal predictors (attachment, emotion regulation, social support). Consider adding a bridging sentence explicitly introducing the study's conceptual model.

In the paragraph beginning "A core line of theory and evidence identifies emotion dysregulation as a central mechanism in BPD", multiple theoretical models are cited; however, the manuscript does not specify which theoretical framework guides hypothesis construction (e.g., biosocial model, attachment–mentalization model). Please articulate the primary theoretical lens.

Several sections of the Introduction review valuable literature but lack structural organization. Discussions of mentalizing, parenting processes, and socio-cultural influences appear dispersed rather than integrated. The authors are encouraged to reorganize the literature review under three thematic subsections—attachment mechanisms, emotion regulation processes, and social support as a protective factor—to reduce redundancy and enhance logical flow.

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1.2. *Reviewer 2*

Reviewer:

Across the Introduction, no explicit hypotheses are formulated. Before the final aim sentence, include clear directional hypotheses (e.g., insecure attachment → higher BPD symptoms).

In the paragraph beginning “Another reason to prioritize women-focused investigation...”, the rationale for restricting the sample to women remains largely theoretical. Please provide empirical prevalence or gender-difference data supporting exclusive sampling.

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2. Revised

Editor’s decision: Accepted.

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