**Supplementary Table S2. Stimuli**

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| German original | English translation | Experts’ absolute mean ratings of self-relevance for BPD | Median split on low versus high self-relevance for BPD |
| Positive trait adjectives | | | |
| aufrichtig | honest | 0.6 | low |
| bescheiden | modest | 1.2 | high |
| diszipliniert | organized | 1.6 | high |
| effizient | efficient | 1.5 | high |
| einfühlsam | empathetic | 0.9 | low |
| enthusiastisch | enthusiastic | 1.4 | high |
| fleißig | hard-working | 0.9 | low |
| freundlich | friendly | 0.1 | low |
| geistesgegenwärtig | quick-witted | 0.7 | low |
| gelassen | composed | 2.7 | high |
| geschickt | skilled | 0.4 | low |
| gesellig | sociable | 0.7 | low |
| großzügig | generous | 0.8 | low |
| hilfsbereit | helpful | 1.3 | high |
| höflich | polite | 0.3 | low |
| kompetent | competent | 0.9 | low |
| kooperativ | cooperative | 0.8 | low |
| kreativ | creative | 1.4 | high |
| lebenslustig | fun-loving | 0.1 | low |
| locker | easy-going | 0.3 | low |
| loyal | loyal | 0.9 | low |
| offen | open-minded | 0.8 | low |
| ordentlich | tidy | 0.7 | low |
| respektvoll | respectful | 1.1 | high |
| scharfsinnig | astute | 0.0 | low |
| schlagfertig | articulate | 0.8 | low |
| selbstständig | self-reliant | 1.5 | high |
| sorgfältig | diligent | 1.1 | high |
| souverän | confident | 1.9 | high |
| spontan | spontaneous | 1.6 | high |
| tatkräftig | dynamic | 0.2 | low |
| tolerant | tolerant | 0.6 | low |
| vernünftig | level-headed | 1.5 | high |
| verständnisvoll | understanding | 0.4 | low |
| vertrauenswürdig | trustworthy | 1.0 | high |
| vielseitig | versatile | 1.4 | high |
| weitsichtig | perspicacious | 1.7 | high |
| wissbegierig | inquisitive | 0.3 | low |
| zielstrebig | goal-oriented | 0.7 | low |
| zuverlässig | reliable | 1.3 | high |
| Negative trait adjectives | | | |
| aggressiv | aggressive | 1.7 | high |
| ängstlich | anxious | 1.9 | high |
| arrogant | arrogant | 0.1 | low |
| bieder | overly-conservative | 1.3 | high |
| chaotisch | chaotic | 2.2 | high |
| egoistisch | selfish | 0.5 | low |
| eitel | conceited | 0.6 | low |
| engstirnig | narrow-minded | 0.7 | low |
| feige | cowardly | 0.3 | low |
| gehässig | spiteful | 0.3 | low |
| großmäulig | loud-mouthed | 0.9 | low |
| heuchlerisch | two-faced | 0.1 | low |
| hinterhältig | conniving | 0.1 | low |
| humorlos | humorless | 0.6 | low |
| inkonsequent | inconsistent | 0.9 | low |
| kalt | cold-hearted | 0.4 | low |
| launisch | moody | 2.5 | high |
| leichtsinnig | foolhardy | 2.1 | high |
| nachtragend | unforgiving | 1.5 | high |
| naiv | naive | 0.2 | low |
| oberflächlich | superficial | 0.2 | low |
| opportunistisch | opportunistic | 0.6 | low |
| pedantisch | pedantic | 0.1 | low |
| rücksichtslos | inconsiderate | 0.2 | low |
| scheu | unassertive | 0.6 | low |
| stur | stubborn | 1.1 | high |
| träge | lazy | 0.4 | low |
| unentschlossen | indecisive | 1.8 | high |
| ungeduldig | impatient | 2.1 | high |
| unnahbar | inapproachable | 0.9 | low |
| unpünktlich | tardy | 1.3 | high |
| unsicher | insecure | 1.4 | high |
| unsympathisch | unpleasant | 0.1 | low |
| verschwenderisch | wasteful | 1.3 | high |
| voreilig | rash | 1.6 | high |
| voreingenommen | biased | 1.8 | high |
| wehleidig | whiny | 1.3 | high |
| zickig | catty | 1.7 | high |
| zwanghaft | obsessive | 0.2 | low |
| zynisch | cynical | 1.2 | high |

Ten experts rated the 80 character traits on self-relevance (In comparison to healthy persons, how much do the following traits apply to female BPD patients in general? From -3 *applies very much less* to +3 *applies very much more*). We calculated mean ratings per item and performed median splits on the items using the absolute mean ratings (low relevance if absolute mean rating below or equal to the median of 0.9).