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Answers to reviewers’ comments.

Q1. 1. While assessing your manuscript in-house, we found several instances where the text displayed similarities to text found in other previously published sources. While we understand that you may wish to express some of the same ideas contained in these publications, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work. We would therefore be grateful if you could reformulate the sections listed below to resolve the overlap between your manuscript and other sources. Please ensure that, where relevant, these sources are also referenced as appropriate.
The overlap primarily occurs between your submission and the following previously published sources: "Abnormalities in cortical gray matter density in borderline personality disorder" https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0924933814006506?via%3Dihub

This overlap mainly exists in the Strengths and Limitations section.

A1. We apologize for this inaccuracy. We have now reformulated the paragraph that can be ascribed to the manuscript indicated above. (Strengths and Limitations Section: page 11, par 4, lines 7 and foll.)

Q2. 2. Please reformat your References and in-text citations according to our submission guidelines:

- All references, including URLs, must be numbered consecutively, in square brackets, in the order in which they are cited in the text, followed by any in tables or legends.

- The in-text citations should use the reference number in brackets, [1], rather than the author name and publication date, (Eriksson et al., 1998).

A2. We have now reformatted the references as requested. We have also added two references that were lacking in the previous version of the bibliography (First 1994, First 1995) but cited in the text (method section). We also delete a duplicate (Lezak 2004) and Werner et al that was not included in the text.