**Additional file 3 Cluster with average bridging and rating values**

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| Clusters | Average Bridging value (SD) | Averagerating value (SD) |
| Cluster 1 | 0.25 (0.11)  | 3.47 (0.47) |
| Higher level of neurosis |
| More avoidance based on experience |
| Fear of sudden breakthrough of negative affect |
| A greater denial of a need of intimacy |
| Higher level of narcissism |
| Evident problems in level of personality functioning, in personality organization. |
| High anger level |
| No specific PD |
| More externalizing defence |
| Projective identification |
| More avoidance |
| Fear disposition |
| Cluster 2 | 0.16 (0.14) | 3.9 (0.41) |
| Meet a higher number of PD criteria |
| More affective instability |
| Higher level of impulsivity |
| Impulsivity |
| Severe histrionic PD |
| More magical thinking |
| Diagnosis of obsessive-compulsive PD |
| Obsessive-compulsive personality disorder criteria |
| Antisocial PD |
| Deliberate self-harming |
| Suicidal tendencies |
| High level of impulsivity in problem-solving |
| Poor ego structure |
| Weaker adaptive defence style |
| Crisis susceptibility |
| High level of carelessness in problem-solving |
| Unclear diagnosis |
| More aggression in relationships |
| High level of symptom chronicity |
| PTSD |
| More antisocial comorbidity |
| Cluster 3 | 0.19 (0.09) | 4.05 (0.48) |
| Comorbid Axis I, II and III disorders |
| Axis I Comorbidity |
| Comorbid depression |
| Comorbid addiction |
| Comorbid severe form of dissociative disorder |
| Comorbidity complicated somatic suffering |
| More than one personality disorder |
| Paranoid comorbidity |
| Have a personality disorder in cluster A and B  |
| Schizoid personality disorder |
| Psychotic symptoms |
| Schizotypal comorbidity |
| Cluster 4 | 0.67 (0.17) | 3.74 (0.97) |
| History shows more than one involuntary commitment |
| Unemployed |
| Lower occupation level |
| Low level of educational attainment |
| He/she costs society too much money |
| A few isolated areas of health |
| Less time alone |
| Being in a relationship for less than 6 months |
| Low GAF score with downward spiral |
| Recent medical history shows numerous crisis admissions |
| Higher number of lifetime para suicides |
| Longstanding pattern of dysfunction |
| Inability to move forward in several areas of life (work/school, social network and leisure activities) |
| Lower level of general functioning |
| Cluster 5 | 0.46 (0.19) | 3.73 (0.84) |
| Lower age at first traumatic experience |
| Previous second echelon treatment yielded insufficient result. |
| Lower age at first psychiatric contact |
| A pathogenic home environment |
| Lower age |
| Less psychotropic medication |
| Childhood sexual abuse |
| Complications during pregnancy and childbirth |
| Parental divorce before the age of 10 |
| Incest |
| Complex trauma in early childhood |
| More exposure to different types of trauma |
| Emotional neglect during childhood |
| Cluster 6 | 0.48 (0.15) | 3.83 (0.49) |
| No willingness to change, but sufficient willingness |
| Show willingness to change |
| Still be in the pre-consideration stage of change |
| Low motivation, but some motivation to (be able to) comply with minimal treatment conditions  |
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| No willingness to change |
| Lack of motivation to change |
| Less internal, more external motivation to change |
| Urgent need for change |
| Experience higher stigmatization |
| Measured number of physical attacks on another person in the past (with and without a weapon) |
| Sufficient (minimal) adaptive capacity to function in a group or therapeutic environment |
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| Investment in therapy is practically feasible |
| Tried in court as an adolescent |
| Inability to enter into a stable therapeutic relationship |
| Poor rational social problem-solving ability |
| High burden of suffering |
| Less perseveranceHigher hostility level AggressionHas conflicts regarding involvement and loneliness Investment in treatment possible as regards ego strengthSufficient capacity for changeLow compliance |