

Dear Researcher,

Thank you for your interest in the Borderline Symptom List-23 (23 item). The BSL-23 has 23 items that are rated from 0 (not at all) to 4 (very much so). The total scale score can be computed by summing all items on the scale. For better comparability and correction of missing items, you can calculate the mean score of the BSL-23. (provided your client answered at least 21 of the items; if they did not, please treat the whole assessment as missing data). Higher BSL-23 total scores indicate more borderline symptoms.

Below is SPSS syntax used to calculate the total BSL-23 Sum-score:

```
COMPUTE bsl23tot =  
SUM.21 (BSL01, BSL02, BSL03, BSL04, BSL05, BSL06, BSL07,  
BSL08, BSL09, BSL10, BSL11, BSL12, BSL13, BSL14, BSL15,  
BSL16, BSL17, BSL18, BSL19, BSL20, BSL21, BSL22, BSL23) .  
EXECUTE .
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Below is SPSS syntax used to calculate the total BSL-23 Mean-score:

```
COMPUTE bsl23_mean =  
MEAN.21 (BSL01, BSL02, BSL03, BSL04, BSL05, BSL06, BSL07,  
BSL08, BSL09, BSL10, BSL11, BSL12, BSL13, BSL14, BSL15,  
BSL16, BSL17, BSL18, BSL19, BSL20, BSL21, BSL22, BSL23) .  
EXECUTE .
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