

SELF-INJURIOUS BEHAVIOUR: A COMMONLY SHARED DEFINITION

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Nowadays, self-injurious behaviour makes the object of a vivid debate in literature. Studies reviewed in this article witness of the scholars' high interest in this topic as well as of the lack of common consensus on its definitions.

Main definitions of SIB and their position in the most known diagnostic manuals are reported. Moreover, variability of SIB characteristics across studies are analyzed; consistent explanations and difficulties in making commonly shared diagnoses are also discussed, in order to understand the size of such a complex phenomenon.

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