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## A Qualitative Study of the Re-organization Process of Self Narrative of a Person with Gender Identity Disorder

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Increasingly more people in Japan know gender identity disorder (GID), and many with GID are publicly disclosing their condition and have begun talking about their situation openly through various media channels. We examined the narratives that we obtained through longitudinal interviews with a person with GID over a period of three years. Several transformations in them were identified, and three aspects were analyzed: changes in the person's medical needs and body recognition and acceptance, social relationships, and subjective evaluation of the condition. We found that the person experienced increasingly less body dysphoria and medical needs, experienced an expansion in social relationships and had more experiences of getting along both well and badly with others, and steadily increased the importance attached to living in close relationships with others. In discussion, we conceptualized the process of terminating medical treatment and quitting to describe himself as a person with GID, as that of "narrative about I" becoming at variance with "success narrative" in medical treatment, in which dissolution of a demonic narrative and re-organization of self narrative occurred.

Keywords: gender identity disorder, narrative, withdrawal from success narrative in medical treatment, demonic narrative, narrative about I

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