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The Influence of Legal Status on Mental Health Outcomes for Immigrants

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

Provide a more detailed description of the thematic analysis process, including how themes were identified and validated, to strengthen the methodological rigor.

Discuss the potential for longitudinal studies to explore changes in mental health outcomes over time, addressing the dynamic nature of legal status and acculturation processes.

Where possible, include comparative perspectives from immigrants with different legal statuses to highlight how variations in legal certainty impact mental health outcomes.

Offer guidance for mental health practitioners working with immigrant populations, suggesting culturally sensitive approaches and interventions based on study findings.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

Integrate relevant theoretical frameworks on immigration and mental health to contextualize the study within the broader field, enhancing its academic contribution.

Elaborate on the socioeconomic impacts with additional examples or participant quotes, emphasizing the interconnectedness of legal status, employment, and mental health.

Provide specific policy recommendations based on the study's findings, focusing on mental health services accessibility and legal support for immigrants.

Besides identifying challenges, delve deeper into resilience factors and coping strategies among immigrants, providing a more balanced view of their experiences.

Utilize participant quotes more effectively throughout the article to bring personal stories to the forefront, enhancing the narrative's impact.

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2. Revised

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