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# Contexts of Loneliness in Women Choosing Voluntary Singlehood: A Qualitative Study in Mexico

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# 1. Round 1

## 1.1. Reviewer 1

# Reviewer:

Excellent framing, but the paragraph relies heavily on Western literature. Add at least one Latin American reference or contextual justification for applying these frameworks to Mexico.

The text excellently integrates gendered expectations but would be improved by linking this analysis to Mexico's collectivist family structure. Adding empirical regional evidence would ground the argument.

The paragraph provides timely relevance but lacks connection to the study's temporal frame. Clarify whether data were collected during or after the pandemic period.

The thematic table is comprehensive, but subtheme titles such as "Professional Identity as Compensation" imply evaluative judgment. Rephrase to more neutral language like "Professional Identity as a Coping Resource" to avoid bias.

Consider discussing whether these situational fluctuations of loneliness align with the construct of emotional regulation flexibility found in recent affective science literature.

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## 1.2. Reviewer 2

## Reviewer:

The citation cluster (Adamczyk, 2016; Beutel et al., 2017; Luhmann & Hawkley, 2016) supports the argument, but the paragraph could benefit from clearer conceptual distinction between social loneliness and emotional loneliness, as defined in Weiss's classic typology.

The inclusion of direct quotations strengthens authenticity. However, add brief contextual information about participant age or occupation for each quote to enhance transferability.

This quote compellingly illustrates meaning-making. Still, the theme would benefit from analytic commentary on how participants link inner peace with feminist identity, not only autonomy.

The summary is strong but largely descriptive. Strengthen it by explicitly relating the three identified themes to each other in a conceptual model or integrative diagram.

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# 2. Revised

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