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Dear referees,

Thank you for your kind reply, which helped us improve our manuscript.

We are grateful for your thorough reading of the paper. The helpful suggestions were instructive. We sincerely appreciate the effort spent on the paper. In light of the comments, we clarified and made additions to our paper as required.

We are confident that the manuscript has been improved as a result of your guidance. Please find below a list of the comments and our reply to each, in blue.

Reviewers' comments:

Reviewer #1: This paper is well-written and structured. Below, I provide some comments that I believe will help to improve its quality:

Introduction
The introduction effectively sets the stage for the study, outlining its importance and relevance. However, it could benefit from a more compelling narrative that underscores the unique aspects of the research and its potential impact on the field.
Clearly stated objectives and research questions are present but refining them for more precision could enhance the clarity of this study.
Clearly identify the gap that you plan to address and emphasize how this study specifically addresses the identified gaps. Detailing the unique contributions of your research early in the introduction can engage readers more effectively. Expand the last paragraph of the introduction to clearly highlight the contributions of this study.

Answer: We have rewritten the introduction (pages 1–2).

Literature Review
The review is thorough, covering relevant previous studies and establishing a good theoretical base, but it might be improved by more explicitly connecting theories to the current study's objectives.
One of the main limitations of this study is the lack of hypothesis discussion. By employing regression analysis as the main statistical technique, it would be more appropriate to propose and test hypotheses. The nature of the research should be explored through hypothesis testing.

Answer: We added hypotheses to the paper (pages 6–9).

Materials and Methods
The description of methods is clear and detailed, but adding more justification for the chosen methods in relation to the objective of the study could strengthen this section.

Answer: We added justification for the chosen methods (page 14).

The sample size and selection criteria are adequately explained. However, discussing the representativeness of the sample in relation to the population being studied could enhance the validity of the findings.

Answer: This study is based on a convenience sample due to lack of information regarding the demographic data of Israelis who travel domestically and abroad. Nevertheless, the proportion of male and female subjects in the study resembles that of the general population.

Results and Discussion
The analysis is comprehensive and rigorous. The discussion effectively ties results back to the research objectives. However, expanding on how these findings contribute to existing knowledge or theory in the field would add more value to the findings and expand current knowledge in this area.

Answer: We expanded on the contribution of the paper to current knowledge (page 19).

The practical implications of the findings are somewhat addressed, but providing more detailed recommendations for practitioners could make the study more relevant to a broader audience/stakeholders.

Answer: We have added detailed recommendations (pages 20–22).

Overall, the manuscript presents a comprehensive and well-structured study. Enhancing the areas mentioned above will make the study more robust and impactful. Good luck with the revision.