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Dear Dr. Talmi-Cohn,

Thank you for submitting your manuscript to the International Journal of Intercultural Relations. I believe that your manuscript may be acceptable for publication following revisions. Unfortunately, one of the original reviewers was not able to provide a second review. However, Reviewer 1 and I read the manuscript carefully and we both were rather positive about the revised version. There are only a few rather minor suggestions that may help in improving the overall message to make the manuscript more coherent and more interesting for our readership. Hence, I would like you to address these comments (see also the attached document), but try to stay within the limits of articles in IJIR.

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Please submit what will hopefully be the final version of your manuscript by Sep 25, 2022. I plan to evaluate your final manuscript myself and do not plan to seek further reviewer input.

Kind regards,

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