Reviewer's report

Title: Impaired pitch identification as a potential marker for depression

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Major Compulsory Revisions: None

Minor Essential Revisions:
Page 3, Paragraph 2, last sentence - delete "only".
Page 5 - I think it is unfortunate that hearing status was not documented. In future research in this area I would recommend that this be done.
Page 6 - Paragraph 1 - I am not familiar with "soundproofed headphones" - this may need some clarification.
Page 6 - Paragraph 2 - The sentence that begins "The spacing between..." does not make sense to me.
Page 6 to 7 - the description of the pitch contour perception is somewhat convoluted and may need clarification.
Page 8 - Procedure Paragraph - first sentence - suggest changing "filled in" to "completed".
Page 10 - Last Paragraph - the sentence that begins "This finding cannot be..." needs work.
Page 12 - Paragraph 1 - the sentence that begins "Depressives performed...", please add "the" between "during" and "pitch".
Page 12 - Paragraph 1 - the sentence that begins "The lack of..." needs clarification.

Discretionary Revisions: None

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.