Reviewer’s report

Title: Prevalence of hearing loss induced by high sound pressure levels among people working with sound systems and general population in Brazil: a cross-sectional study.

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Reviewer: Esko Matti Toppila

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Minor essential revisions

M1
Table 3. Variable is said to be "Presence of NIHL" however the heading states that it is "presence of hearing loss" The latter is correct.

M2
In the abstract
A statistically significant difference in hearing loss induced by high sound pressure levels was observed between the groups: 50% among the professionals and 10.5% among the controls.

Change to:
A statistically significant difference in hearing loss was observed between the groups: 50% among the professionals and 10.5% among the controls. The difference could be addressed to high sound levels.

In this way the text is consistent with discussion and conclusions

What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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