Reviewer's report

Title: Vitamin C as an adjuvant for treating major depressive disorder and suicidal behavior, a randomized placebo controlled clinical trial

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The authors were responsive to most comments.

- Major Compulsory Revisions
  1. In general, the writing and spelling still needs checking, including in newly added parts.

- Minor Essential Revisions
  2. Background
     First paragraph: The general public is not familiar with enzymes/compounds such as “glutathione reductase” and “glutathione peroxidase”. Their relevance needs explaining, e.g., as being markers of oxidation. Also, the first paragraph now refers to “ascorbic acid” but it is not explained that this is also known as water-soluble vitamin C. Despite this, the first paragraph also refers to vitamin C.

- Discretionary Revisions
  Minor issues not for publication
  3. I suspect that this journal adheres to the convention of reporting two numbers after the decimal point for p values, even when the second is zero. Editor?
  4. Background, second paragraph, second sentence first word should be capitalized.
     Two sentences further: “decreases” should be “decrease”.
  5. The final-but-one paragraph of the Background is only two sentences long.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.