**Response to reviews of**

***The impact of depression on brain activity during source memory retrieval***

We were delighted to receive positive feedback from the reviewers of our work, who wrote that “Barrick and Dillon present an excellent study of source memory retrieval in major depressive disorder” (Reviewer 3), that “The manuscript is very well-written, the aims of the study are clear, and the analyses are thorough” (Reviewer 2), and that “This is an interesting topic and a novel design with potentially informative outcomes” (Reviewer 5). At the same time, we appreciate the reviewers’ constructive criticisms. Below we provide point-by-point replies to each one. We hope it will be immediately clear that we have taken the reviewers’ critiques very seriously and done our utmost to address each of them in this substantially revised manuscript. We believe the paper is significantly improved, and we hope the reviewers will agree.

Replies to Reviewer 1

1. *The selection and matching of the HC and MDD groups is a strength. Do the effects still hold when covarying education or IQ*?

Thank you for this question. As you noted, the groups are closely matched and do not differ on years of education or IQ, as estimated by WTAR scores.