Reviewer's report

**Title:** On- and off phenomenon of suicidal ideation due to treatment with antidepressants in anxiety disorder: a case report

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**Reviewer:** Cem Cem Sengul

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: Unreported or unusual side effects or adverse interactions involving medications

**Has the case been reported coherently?:** Yes

**Is the case report authentic?:** Yes

**Is this case worth reporting?:** Yes

**Is the case report persuasive?:** Yes

**Does the case report have explanatory value?:** Yes

**Does the case report have diagnostic value?:** Yes

**Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?:** Yes

**Comments to authors:**

General

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Revisions necessary for publication

This case report briefly describes a case of repeating suicide attempts due to venlafaxine use.

# Authors mentioned that other antidepressants were trialed but they did not mention which antidepressants were used. There were antidepressants which cause less sexual side effects than venlafaxine such as mirtazapine or moclobemide. Were these antidepressants trialed?

# Why was paroxetine continued for four years? During this four year period was there any change in anxiety level of the patient.

# Was there any psychiatric scale used during this four year period like Hamilton anxiety scale or suicidal ideation scale.

# In discussion section theories weren’t given In paragraph form. This is not usual for a case report presentation.
# Does the patient have any medical illness like hypertension or else? Could his medical condition trigger suicide?

**What next?:** Accept after minor revisions

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable