Reviewer's report

Title: Sodium valproate as a cause of recurrent transudative pleural effusion: a case report.

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Reviewer: Nikolaos Papanas

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unreported or unusual side effects or adverse interactions involving medications

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: No

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?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

1) The language needs several minor grammatical corrections.
2) The Introduction should be rephrased to include a brief reference to existing literature and a more precise (though very brief) description of the originality of the case.
3) In the Discussion, please add a special brief paragraph speculating on the potential causative mechanism. In case of uncertainty, it would be proper to state that the mechanism remains elusive, but, still, the recurrence of effusion after re-administration of the drug is strongly suggestive of an association
Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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