Reviewer's report

Title: Aplastic anaemia associated with interferon alpha-2 a in a patient with chronic hepatitis C virus infection: a case report

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Reviewer: Dariusz Lebensztejn

Which of the following 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?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

The manuscript written by Ioannou et al. entitled “Aplastic anaemia associated with interferon alpha-2 a in a patient with chronic hepatitis C virus infection: a case report” is interesting for hepatologists. This is the first case report of development of severe aplastic anaemia associated with pegylated interferon alpha 2a treatment of patients with chronic HCV infection. The case presentation is well documented and a review of the literature is well discussed.

Minor Essential Revisions:

There are not short conclusions in the end of manuscript. Conclusion is only included in abstract.

In the title and in the abstract is: interferon alpha-2#; should be: interferon alpha
Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'