

Table 5 Etiology of exudative versus transudative effusions

Etiology	No.	%
<i>Exudative effusions</i>		
Tuberculosis	65	41.1
Parapneumonic	38	24.0
Malignancy	31	19.6
Empyema	17	10.8
Paramalignant	3	1.9
Systemic lupus erythematosus	1	0.7
Unknown	3	1.9
Total	158	79.0
<i>Transudative effusions</i>		
Cardiac failure	26	62.0
Liver cirrhosis	7	16.7
Chronic renal failure	6	14.3
Nephrotic syndrome	3	7.0
Total	42	21.0