Reviewer's report

**Title:** Rifaximin for maintenance therapy in antibiotic-dependent pouchitis

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**Reviewer:** Ayman S Abdelrazeq

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Thank you for the opportunity to re-review this manuscript. The manuscript is of interest I have listed few comments

**Major Compulsory Revisions**

1- It will be very useful to present your pouchitis management algorithm.
2- When would you use a single vs. combination therapy to induce remission?

**Minor Essential Revisions**

1- A reference is required to support your statement that many patients experience only one acute episode of pouchitis.
2- Your group has reported that the use of NSAID is an independent risk factor for chronic pouchitis. Yet you have asked your patients who are on regular NSAIDs to stop using these drugs for the duration of study ONLY, please clarify.

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

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'