

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format.

**Title:** Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs in colorectal surgery - a risk factor for anastomotic complications?

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

Reviewer suggestion:

"The response is appropriate and interesting. However - they should have write that a major limitation is the lack of design, hence patients that needed NSAIDS had pain because of a problem in the anastomosis ( stretch ) and these anastomosis were leaking later anyway. Hence the design is bad and i would not draw any conclusion about NSAIDS before a prospective study is done."

Author response:

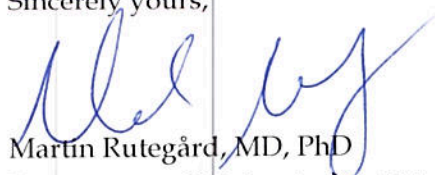
Thank you for this comment. We appreciate the validity in the above statement and have included a sentence in the discussion part of the manuscript, as follows:

"This study design is also subject to confounding by indication, duly acknowledged by the authors, as NSAIDs might have been administered because of increasing pain due to leakage or factors leading to leakage, e.g. anastomotic tension."

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,



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