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To whom it may concern,

I have spent the period of mid-September to December 2020 at the Pediatric Gastroenterology Department of Basel University Children's Hospital (UKBB) under the supervision of PD Dr. med. Raoul Furlano.

During my stay, I was mainly involved in the endoscopy suite, I have also attended the outpatient clinic, multidisciplinary team meetings and ward rounds and we have discussed complicated and interesting cases. I became aware of the wide research activity that is ongoing at the Pediatric Gastroenterology Department of UKBB and we have discussed possible research collaborations.

My main goal with this exchange was to learn the benefits of water colonoscopies, such as the improved mucosal view, less discomfort and faster recovery of the patients, but I ended up having such a broader positive learning experience and got a great exchange of ideas and support on my future career.

The colleagues in Basel were very welcoming and Dr. Furlano has been a fantastic mentor during my stay.

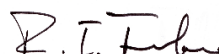
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Yours sincerely,



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